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Grayling Marine wounded in Iraq

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling High School graduate Joe Zelek is having bitter-sweet feelings about being home for the start of 2007 since he would rather be with his fellow Marines serving on the battlefield in Iraq.

Lance Cpl. Zelek, a member of the 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment - Bravo Co., which is based out of Saginaw, was wounded in Iraq on Dec. 28.

Zelek was stationed on an observation post while fellow Marines were checking an area in the City for Fallujah for suspected snipers. As the Marines were returning, a sniper fired on their position, killing three Marines and wounding another.

Other gunmen fired upon the Marines in an attempt to disguise the location of the sniper, who was killed.

"I wanted to run down there and carry them away so they would not be getting shot at anymore," Zelek said. "It seemed like the whole world was shooting at us."

Zelek noticed blood on his uniform, after he dove for cover on the roof on the building where he was located. He thought he had been hit by a piece of debris from the building, but was shot in the right leg.

Zelek underwent two surgeries, one to remove the bullet and check the extent of the damage. His tibia was damaged by the bullet. A second surgery was Continued on Page 2A

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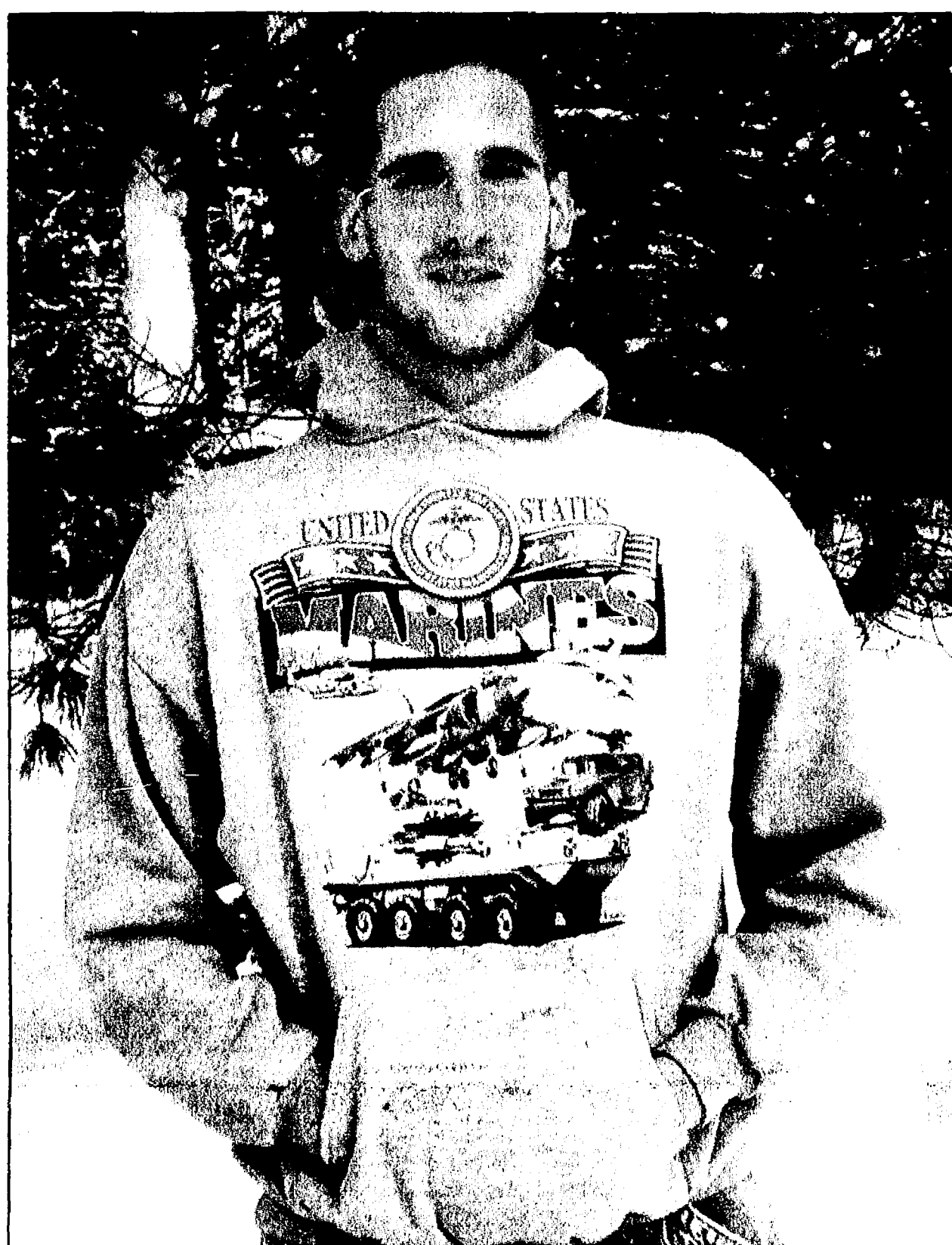


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County officials push facade loan program

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County officials have retooled a program aimed at helping business owners spruce up the appearance of their buildings.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, at its last regular meeting, made changes to the facade improvement loan program made available through the county economic development fund.

The county board established the program last year. Dunkley Floor Covering was the only business to take advantage of the loan initiative.

The county will make up to a \$7,500 loan available to a business owner to enhance the facade on their building. The loan program requires the business owner to make a 25 percent matching investment of the amount loaned for the improvements, instead of the original 50 percent match established last year.

Payments on the loan will be deferred for five years in hopes that the business owner will see increased activity due to the building improvements. The business owner would then be allowed to make interest-free payments on the loan for the next five years.

Commissioners agreed to earmark \$75,000 for the facade loan

program, up from the \$50,000 that county officials committed for the program.

Finally, county officials will just ask for a favorable credit report from the business owner rather than requesting confidential tax and business information.

"We are trying to streamline the program to get the money out there," said Tim Zigila, chairman of the county economic development fund committee and president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

County officials hope that business owners revamp their facades as the \$1.2 million streetscape project is being completed in downtown Grayling later this year.

"We believe that with the streetscape project, there will be more people jumping on this, but the good part about this program is it is county wide and any business in the county can take advantage of it," Zigila said.

In 2004, the commissioners moved the economic development fund from being overseen by the Crawford County Housing Commission to be administered by Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo. The board made the move to avoid steep administration fees charged by the housing Continued on Page 2A

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Ski by Lantern Light



The Hartwick Pines State Park held its Ski by Lantern Light program on Saturday. Above, a couple of downstate families took the scenic trip down the park trails. Left, Tom and Lynn Ruden of Grayling warm up next to the fire ring after skiing the trails.

Camp Grayling Air Show to dazzle folks in July

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Aerial acrobatics, a renowned parachuting team and a display of military aircraft and equipment are in store for the Grayling area for the Fourth of July weekend.

Special Forces Ventures, a Grand Rapids-based promotional company, will hold the inaugural Camp Grayling Air Show at the Grayling Army Airfield on Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8.

Mike Spielmaker, Sheri and Terry Debold, the founders of Special Forces Ventures, have been working with the Pentagon and Camp Grayling officials to plan the air show for the past several months.

So far, the company has booked the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, for the air show. Stunt flying and aerobatics will be performed by Jacquie "B" Warda, Bill Stein, and Allen "Attila" Smith, who performs flying feats in a L-39 Soviet Fighter Jet.

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done to check for infection and reexamine the wound.

Zelek was treated at military hospitals in northern Iraq and in Germany, before flying back to the United States on Jan. 2.

Zelek, who is a team leader in his unit, was deployed to Iraq on Sept. 24. His unit was in charge of patrolling Fallujah, doing security patrols, raids on suspected terrorist locations and manning entry points to the city. The Marines also served with the Iraqi Army, helping those forces get established in the area.

Zelek said his unit had a relatively calm first couple of weeks in Iraq, especially while they remained at their base.

"You almost forget you're in Iraq sometimes, until you go outside and see nothing but desert," he said.

The unit took their first casualties on Oct. 23, when an improvised explosive device exploded under a convoy of Humvees the Marines were traveling in. Zelek, who was traveling in the first Humvee, helped pull Sgt. Joshua Thomas, who was trapped under the vehicle with a wounded hand and arm, from the wreckage, and checked on three other wounded Marines. The driver and a rear passenger were killed in the blast.

"It was tough at first because we were a really tight group," Zelek said.

Zelek said Thomas has rec-

ommended that he receive a medal for his actions, but he does not believe he deserves the extra recognition.

"I was just doing what anybody else would have done," he said.

Zelek returned to Grayling on Jan. 17 and is on a 30-day convalescent leave.

Returning home has allowed him to reunite with his wife, Angeanette, who is also a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. The couple celebrated their first anniversary on Saturday.

The couple will leave for Camp Pendleton, a Marine base located in San Diego, in the next couple of weeks. Zelek will be stationed there until his unit returns in April. He believes he could have stayed in Iraq, but doctors said the physical activity would not have allowed his wounds to properly heal.

"I would go back in a heartbeat if I could," Zelek said. "The bond you get with those other men - it's brotherhood forced through combat. They will always be in my heart and in my mind."

Zelek said he appreciates the heroes welcome he has received from friends, family and the community, but his thoughts remain with his comrades.

"All my friends and fellow Marines are still over there - fighting the fight every day," he said. "Obviously, I didn't want to get wounded and have had gone through everything so I



Lance Cpl. Joe Zelek

could come home. I would have rather stayed in Iraq and came home with everybody else."

Zelek, a 2004 graduate from Grayling High School, is the son of Debbie and Mark Zelek.

Zelek, who enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, plans to join the active Marines, making it a career in the military.

Zelek, whose grandfather, Dennis Dostine, served in the Marines during the Korean War, said it was always his goal to wear the Marine Corps uniform since childhood.

"I didn't play army when we were kids. I played Marines," Zelek said.

Zelek, who played all four years on the Grayling High Basketball Team, will be recognized by Coach Butch Hayes at the team's home game on Friday, Feb. 2.

Camp Grayling Air Show to dazzle folks

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Aircraft from the Michigan Air National Guard including Blackhawk helicopters and F-16s and C-130s will be doing flyovers at the air show. Other current and vintage military warbirds and equipment will also be on display at the airshow.

The U.S. Army's Marksmanship vehicle will be at that air show along with a pair of snipers to display their skills.

A simulator, which will allow youngsters to feel how U.S. Golden Nights are suspended in the air, will also be available.

"This is going to be a very family-friendly event," Spielmaker said.

Special Forces Ventures has been making the rounds to get Grayling community organizations including the Grayling Regional Chamber of

Commerce, Grayling Visitors Bureau, Grayling Promotional Association and Grayling Uptown Business District Association involved with the event.

While Special Forces Ventures is learning the ropes of planning an air show and are already booking acts for 2008, Camp Grayling is the only market where they plan to hold such an event.

"We're committed to being right here at Camp Grayling," Spielmaker said. "Our company's motto is 2007 and beyond and we plan on making this an annual event."

Promotional banners are being sold to help sponsor the Camp Grayling Air Show. Chalets, where a catered meal will be served for up to 100 people and beverages will be available locat-

ed along the tarmac at the airfield, are also being made available.

Special Forces Ventures plans to focus ticket sales in the northern Michigan market, but will also be promoting the event downstate.

"We have a tall order to fill, but we plan on packing as many people in here as we can," Terry Debold said.

The company plans to draw air show enthusiasts from across the country into the community.

"People come from all over the state and all over the country to come to these air shows - it's like a NASCAR event," Spielmaker said.

The website for the air show is www.campgraylingairshow.com. Additional acts and attractions are being added for the event over the next couple of months.

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commission to recoup funds granted from the loan fund so that more money could be used to help retain and expand local businesses.

There is currently \$180,000 in the economic development fund.

County and officials representing Grayling's Downtown

Development Authority visited Kalkaska to learn more about a Michigan State Housing Development Authority grant the village received for business facade upgrades. Officials opted not to pursue a similar grant due to costly administration fees and funds mandated to pay contractors.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford Board of Commissioners, encouraged the economic development fund committee to keep an eye out for other grants to help county business owners.

"If it helps the bottom line, we at least need to look at it and see if it's something we can use or not use," Stephenson said.

Loan applications and more information on the program can be obtained by contacting Compo at 344-3202.

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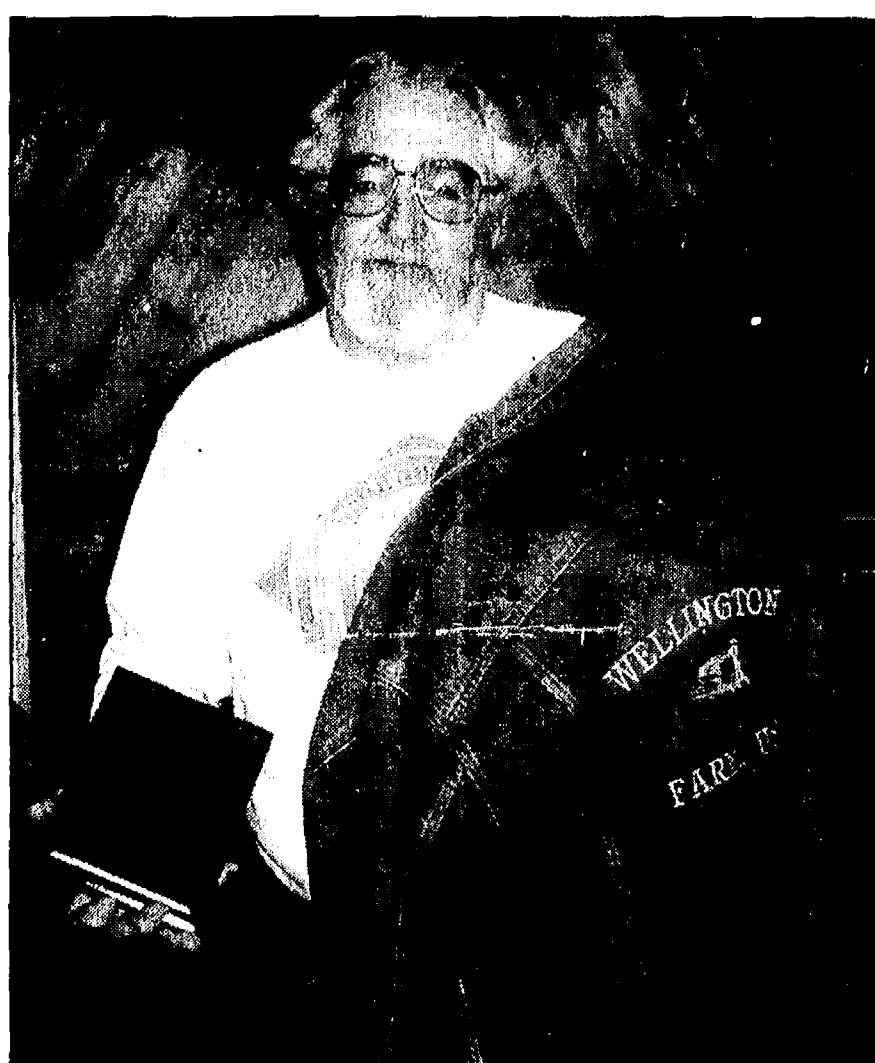
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Wellington Farm, USA plans to host a number of theatrical productions during the upcoming season. Above left, Arnie Stancil and Elizabeth Reinhardt, perform portions of the holiday production, "Christmas Eve On the Air" during the farm park's annual recognition dinner held last week. Above right, Skip Lake was honored as Wellington Farm, USA's volunteer of the year. Lake received a plaque and a denim jacket as part of the recognition.

Wellington Farm, USA to add theater productions

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The staff and volunteers at Wellington Farm, USA plan on turning things up a notch for the upcoming season.

About 80 people attended the Wellington Farm Park's annual recognition dinner held at The Ole Barn last week.

Wellington Farm Park founders, Gloria and Howard Taylor, host the dinner to recognize volunteers, mark the accomplishments made in the last year and look forward to the upcoming season.

Wellington Farm, USA plans to host at least four murder mystery dinner theaters, starting in June.

The dinner theaters will be under the direction of Michael Reinhardt, who came on board as the general manager at Wellington Farm, USA in November. Reinhardt has a background in theatrical production

and management of non-profit organizations. Reinhardt and his wife, Elizabeth, moved to the community from Tennessee and have previous experience with dinner theater productions through the Marne-Coopersville Railroad in West Michigan.

Select members of the audience will be chosen to be part of the murder mysteries, dressing in costumes and taking part in the production.

"It's really a lot of fun to be with your friends and neighbors and have a chance to grill them," Reinhardt said.

Howard Taylor said Wellington Farm, USA has already had a request from a bus tour for a murder mystery theater dinner, and will add more productions for groups and corporations.

Other new events at Wellington Farm, USA will include "The Haunting of Wellington Begins," a halloween program that will be

held on Oct. 12.

The farm park will also host a theater production for the Christmas holiday called "Christmas Eve On the Air" in December. Farm park volunteers got a sneak peak of the "Christmas Eve on the Air" show last week.

"I'm really excited about the upcoming season, and I think we are well on the road to becoming a major attraction in northern Michigan," Howard Taylor said.

Wellington Farm, USA is applying for a grant through the Michigan Institute of Architects, a society of the American Institute of Architects, to restore the steeple on the Stittsville Church. The church, which was built in the 1880s, was moved to the farm park from Missaukee County's Norwich Township in May, 2005. The steeple restoration will be completed this fall, Howard Taylor said.

Wellington Farm, USA, is marking its 10th anniversary this year. The goal of the farm park is to portray life on a farm during the Great Depression.

Wellington was a farming community that existed in Crawford County from 1881 until 1918. The community was named after Wellington Batterson, who settled in the area in 1878 and served as a local judge. Wellington slowly ceased to exist after the local post office moved to Grayling.

Michael Taylor was recognized as the interpreter of the year for the 2006 season at Wellington Farm, USA, last week.

Skip Lake was honored as the volunteer of the year.

"I enjoy being around the park, and doing the things that have to be done," Lake said of his volunteerism at Wellington Farm, USA.

CASD superintendent will work with Gillard on school aid

by Erik Adams
Capitol News Service

Rep. Matt Gillard, D-Alpena, will chair the subcommittee that determines public school funding during his final term in the House and said he plans to use the new post to improve school funding, in spite of the state's current economic climate.

"I'm fully aware of the challenges that we are facing as a state, with the budget situation we're involved in," said Gillard, who now heads the House School Aid Appropriations Subcommittee.

That situation includes an estimated \$800 million deficit for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30. The river of red ink is expected to flow deeper into the next year.

"Whenever you're talking about a budget deficit of that magnitude, there's obvious challenges before us," Gillard said.

If the state does not generate enough revenue to meet the school aid budget, districts will have to make mid-year budget cuts.

"That's a very controversial issue right now because the school districts are in the middle of their operating year and they've budgeted based on X amount of dollars coming in from the state. Now if we pull that money back at this point, that's especially difficult for those local school districts to deal with," Gillard said.

Superintendents of the Crawford AuSable School District and Alpena Public Schools said they have worked successfully with Gillard in the past and will continue consulting with him on school funding.

Crawford AuSable Superintendent Joe Powers said Michigan schools need to be treated less as an expense item in the budget.

"I've expressed my opinion to Rep. Gillard that we need increased funding and concrete funding, not here today, gone

tomorrow," Powers said. "We also need to work on cost control for the state because the reality is we are now a state-funded institution."

David Werner, superintendent of Alpena Public Schools, said he has had to make yearly budget cuts since taking the post in 2002.

"I've closed school buildings, I've reduced transportation, I've reduced teachers, I've reduced ancillary staff, right across the board," Werner said.

To Werner, funding is the biggest problem facing public education in Michigan. He said he's cooperated closely with Gillard and plans to give his opinions on how to resolve school funding shortfalls, which he said are the results of past funding legislation and tax cuts.

"We've cut taxes in Michigan to such a state that we no longer can afford to operate the necessary services," Werner said.

Doug Pratt, director of communications for the Michigan Education Association (MEA) said the legislative and executive branches need to look into creative solutions to increase revenue.

The MEA is the state's largest union of school personnel.

"There are several different tax loopholes that could be closed that are worth several million dollars in the budget," Pratt said. "For example taxing luxury items is one that has been brought up."

Rep. Dan Acciavatti, of New Baltimore, the top Republican on the House Appropriations Committee, said he doesn't agree with asking taxpayers for additional revenue, but said Gillard will do a fine job as subcommittee chair.

"I think whoever serves on that subcommittee along with the Appropriations Committee has got a lot of work ahead of them," Acciavatti said. "I think Gillard will be just as fine as anyone else that they choose."

School aid will be Gillard's first priority when the subcommittee begins meeting, but he said he'll be listening for other issues that need attention.

"My intention at this point is to give all interested parties the chance to categorize or rank their priorities within the budget as well, and then we can move forward from that point," he said.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

What's the matter with Michigan?

ABOUT 100 YEARS ago, a small town Kansas newspaper editor named William Allen White gained notoriety – at least in journalism schools when I was attending college – with a famous editorial entitled: What's the matter with Kansas?

I don't remember what Editor White said was the matter with Kansas, but I never forgot the question.

For the past decade or so, the same question applies to Michigan. What's the matter with Michigan? This economic and political dilemma has flavored every public consideration for several years.

"What's the matter with Michigan" is that our state's economy is in serious trouble, and the "why" is fairly simple: Michigan keeps losing jobs.

The reason is not who is governor or which party is in charge of the state. It's not solely economic policy, either federal or state. It's not simply tax structure.

The problem is Michigan has long depended heavily on building cars as our primary source for jobs, while the worldwide recipe for making motorized vehicles has been subtly changing over

the years and continues to change daily.

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THIS ALL CAME into sharp focus for me recently on the business section page of the Lansing State Journal.

On one side of the page was the headline: "State loses 39,000 manufacturing jobs."

The brief item cited figures for 2006 from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

On the other side of the page was the headline: "Auto sector projected to drop by 42,750 jobs." This item quoted estimates for 2007 from an organization called the Level Field Institute in Washington.

If the US auto industry is expected to lose 42,750 more jobs this year, how can Michigan's remaining auto employment show any improvement at all?

While the loss of 42,750 auto workers this year will bring total US domestic auto employment to 378,250 workers, according to Level Field, foreign auto makers expect to add about 3,000 jobs to raise their US employment to 106,000 workers.

The Level Field folks also figured that despite severe job cutbacks at General Motors and Ford, which have hit Michigan especially hard, American auto makers will employ 33 US workers for 1,000 vehicles sold, compared to 14 workers per 1,000 foreign-made brands sold.

With such disparities, it looks like a long road ahead for our domestic auto makers, and for the Michigan economy, and all that depends on manufacturing here.

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THIS WAVE of change is reflected in union membership.

More figures: The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics reports a slight drop in union membership in America in 2006, now down from 12.5 percent to only 12 percent of US workers, meaning 325,000 fewer labor members.

In 1983, union membership had been 20.1 percent of US workers, and in the mid-1950s about 35 percent of all American employees belonged to unions. That's when auto building and most industries ran in high gear following deep curtailment of non-military production during

World War II.

Why the steady union membership decline? According to most analyses, it's because union jobs were concentrated in shrinking sectors of the economy, such as autos, steel, textiles and other basic manufacturing industries.

Services and government have been fast-growing sectors of the economy, and union attention has been swinging to these fields. According to an Associated Press report, union membership among government workers is 36.2 percent, compared with only 7.4 percent for private sector workers.

Michigan's rate of union membership is somewhat higher than 12 percent, but with more and more industrial jobs lost, auto worker unions, for example, are not as strong in Michigan as they once were, while political and social clout of white-collar unions, such as teachers and other government employees, has grown.

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MICHIGAN GAVE birth to strong industrial unions, growing out of the sitdown strikes and often bloody picket line encounters at auto plants in the 1930s.

After these struggles, the auto industry in Michigan boomed, and so did Michigan unions.

During the 1950s, the UAW led union strength into the political system, dominating the Michigan Democratic Party, and helping to elect Democrats and to write social reforms into state law. Tough bargaining plus some of these laws also earned generous benefits for workers, improving the lives of thousands of blue collar workers, and ensuring comfortable retirement years – building America's middle class, some unionists claim.

Some of these union-won early benefits – such as pensions, health care plans, job banks, extended jobless benefits, and others – in today's economic constrictions have become more and more difficult to finance, adding to the overall economic and social difficulties Michigan now is experiencing.

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ALL THESE historical developments come together to create the financial dilemma the state has been facing for the last dozen years.

Michigan rode the gravy train when auto making also rode

high. Now, with our unemployment rate second highest, only to Mississippi, we must pay the piper for our lack of economic foresight diversity.

It's not who is governor, or which party is in power. It's not specific government economic policies. It's not business tax burdens. It's not excessive government services.

The problem is economic history, and our public failure to recognize and heed the signs and omens of factors that in retrospect we can blame for our present crisis.

Political leaders, union leaders, manufacturers all either failed to recognize what was happening, or ignored it and failed to act.

No single action brought on Michigan's plight, and no single action will solve it.

Unfortunately the pain won't go away easily. We're in for a long-haul solution, and we better get serious about the right things.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

WASHINGTON NOTES

By: Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

The USS Gerald Ford

Shortly before he passed away, former President Gerald Ford wrote to a friend, "In my life, I have received countless honors, but none was greater than the opportunity to wear the uniform of lieutenant commander of the United States Navy." This month, the Navy bestowed on him another great honor: it will name the first of a future class of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers the USS Gerald Ford.

That step was made possible by a provision included in last year's National Defense Authorization Act by my Republican colleague, Senator John Warner of Virginia. I was pleased to co-sponsor Senator Warner's amendment because of the special pride this honor brought to President Ford's heart, and because it rings so true as a memorial to him.

Ford had a strong association with the Navy for many years, serving on active duty for four years and in the inactive reserves for 17 more; serving on the House of Representatives subcommittee that funded the Navy and other military branches; and then serving as Commander in

Chief of all the armed forces.

That lifetime of service began in 1941, shortly after Gerald Ford returned from law school to Grand Rapids to open his law practice. In December of that year, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, and he enlisted in the Navy within the week.

At first, Gerald Ford served in the physical education branch, and this gifted athlete coached all nine sports that were offered. He soon grew restless, though, and needed to join the fight. Ford asked to be transferred to service at sea, and was assigned to a light aircraft carrier, the USS Monterey. He would later write that there he saw "as much action as I'd ever hoped to see." With Ford serving as assistant navigator, athletic officer and anti-aircraft battery officer, the Monterey fought in many of the major operations of the South Pacific, earning 10 battle stars during his service.

Perhaps Lieutenant Ford's finest hour at sea, however, was a battle not with the enemy, but with the elements. In December 1944, a massive typhoon slammed the Monterey, with

waves topping 70 feet. Chaos reigned as the planes on board caught fire, and several broke free from their cables. Many of the sailors were incapacitated; Admiral Halsey ordered the Monterey abandoned; and flames threatened to consume the carrier. But then – 30 years before President Ford would right our ship of state – Lieutenant Ford helped save the Monterey and its men.

At great personal risk, Jerry Ford led a team down to the hangar deck to battle the fire. With gas tanks exploding around them and thick smoke choking the air, they evacuated the stricken men and then extinguished the fire. The fight lasted for hours, but the Monterey and almost all of her sailors survived. The teamwork that Jerry Ford learned playing football at the University of Michigan was surely put to the test that day. And the "we're all in this together" feeling of community, instilled in him by his Grand Rapids upbringing, just as surely contributed to his leadership on the Monterey.

After the war, Gerald Ford returned to practice law in Grand Rapids but soon felt a new call to service. When he ran for Congress, his naval record was clearly an asset, but more important than how that service helped him was how it had changed him.

Ford's naval service had inspired in him a transformation similar to that of Michigan's great Senator Arthur Vandenberg, another son of Grand Rapids who had evolved from an isolationist to an internationalist.

With Vandenberg's support, Ford ran an underdog primary campaign against the incumbent. Ford's upset victory was a reflection of how highly voters thought of him personally and also how much had changed in American politics.

The people of Michigan's Fifth District recognized that Gerald Ford was the right man for the times. Years later the rest of America would reach that same judgment. The Watergate scandal slammed our nation like a political typhoon, and thank goodness Gerald Ford was there to lead us with the same steady courage he had displayed on the Monterey.

As Commander in Chief, President Ford resolved, in his words, "to make our Navy as it has been, as it will be, and as it must be – the best Navy in the whole world." By building this new class of aircraft carriers and naming the first in his honor, we are helping to keep that pledge and helping defend the nation that Jerry Ford loved so much.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

Seven ways to get a jump start on your taxes

Earlier is better when it comes to working on your taxes. Taxpayers are encouraged to get a head start on tax preparation, especially since early filers avoid the last minute rush and get their refunds sooner.

Here are seven easy ways to get a good jump on your taxes long before the April deadline is here:

Gather your records in advance. Make sure you have all the records you need, including W-2s and 1099s. Don't forget to save a copy for your files.

Get the right forms. They're available around the clock on the IRS Web site, IRS.gov.

Take your time. Don't forget to leave room for a coffee break when filling out your tax return as rushing can mean making a mistake.

Double-check your math and verify all Social Security numbers. These are among the most common errors found on tax returns. Taking care will reduce your chance of hearing from the IRS and speed up your refund.

Get the fastest refund. When you file early, you receive your refund faster. When you choose direct deposit, you receive your refund sooner than waiting for a check.

E-filing is easy. E-filing catches math problems, provides confirmation your return has been received and gives you a faster refund.

Don't panic. If you have a problem or a question, remember the IRS is there to help. Try the IRS Web site at IRS.gov or call the IRS customer service number at 1-800-829-1040.

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BRIEFS

COA to offer tax help

Beginning on Feb. 6, and running through April 10, there will be free tax help available at the Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, Grayling. Trained and certified volunteers will prepare basic tax forms, including the 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ and other standard schedules and help file returns electronically. For information or to schedule an appointment call Elouise Mize at 348-7123.

COA to go to Traverse City

On Thursday, Feb. 8, the senior center, 308 Lawndale, will be going to Traverse City for lunch at Mountain Jack's, followed by a visit to the Denny's Museum Center. The cost for the trip is \$14 and the bus will leave the center at 10:30 a.m. from the senior center. For information, transportation, or reservations call Elouise Mize at 348-7123.

VFW service officer to meet with veterans

The Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Assistant State Service Officer, Art Bates, will be at the Michigan Works Office in Grayling on Friday, Feb. 2, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., and Friday, Feb. 16, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. to interview claimants about VA benefits. Call 989-731-7575 for an appointment.

Historical Society board to hold meeting

The Crawford County Historical Society will hold its regular meeting on Feb. 6, at 7 p.m., at Grayling City Hall. The meetings are open to members and anyone interested in historic preservation.

Area forest management meeting to be held

Private forest land owners in Crawford County will have an opportunity to learn more about forest management planning and forest health at meetings scheduled in Kalkaska County.

The meeting is designed to help forest landowners improve the health and value of their forests including invasive species. Landowners will also learn what is required to become eligible for property tax relief afforded under the P.A. 378 of 2006.

According to the act, private forest lands of 20 acres or more will be exempt from school operational millage if the property is managed for forest products production and meets other criteria.

One of the requirements is that the forest has a management plan written by a certified

plan writer. Conservation District Forester, Mike Meriweather and Consulting Forester, Randy Keen will talk about forest health and forest management plans. Timber industry representative Sam Fahl will discuss how the timber industry uses management plans for quality control and long term supply.

The meeting will be held on Feb. 14 at the Bear Lake Township Hall, 11 miles west of Grayling on M-72, at 6:30 p.m. and run about two hours.

The meeting is free but landowners are asked to call and register at the Kalkaska Conservation District office at (231) 258-3307. The meeting is funded in part by the Michigan DNR Forest Stewardship Program, Kalkaska Conservation District.

KCC again offers computer course for seniors

Kirtland Community College will again be offering a popular basic computer course designed especially for seniors and those with no prior computer experience on the college's main campus near Roscommon.

Basic Computing (CIS-010) begins with how to turn on the machine and delves into the workings of the Windows XP operating system. The class is slated for 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday, starting Feb. 21 and running through May. 2.

Kirtland instructor Clayton Horton began using two new manuals for the class during the 2006 winter semester and said his students had great success using them. The manuals - "Windows XP for Seniors" and "Internet and E-mail for Seniors" - use an easy, step-by-step format that is offered in large print.

Horton said students learn to enjoy using their computers and do so at their own pace. They'll learn to write letters and memos on a computer, send and receive messages via e-mail, explore the World Wide Web and customize computer settings.

"A lot depends on the class size and their interests," Horton said regarding the topics to be covered. "I let them tell me what they want to learn."

Such flexibility allows those

who have taken the course before to benefit by taking it again and learning new topics. There are no prerequisites and qualifying seniors, 60 and older, who reside within the Kirtland district may be able to take the course tuition free.

Senior citizens who are in-district are entitled to one tuition-free class - maximum of two credit hours - per semester. There is an additional course fee, however, and textbooks for the course will need to be purchased at the Kirtland Bookstore.

For more information about how to register for the Basic Computing class, call 989-275-5000, ext. 284.

Forest route designation workshops to be held

The National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, in cooperation with U.S. Forest Service officials from the Huron-Manistee National Forest, are conducting motorized designation workshops in Grayling this week for agency personnel and other stakeholders.

The purpose of the workshop is to assist the U.S. Forest Service and other stakeholders in the effective implementation of the U.S. Forest Service's Travel Management rule in the state.

Last year, the U.S. Forest Service adopted the Travel Management Rule, which requires officials to map out existing trail systems and routes located within the national forests.

Once the mapping process is completed and the trails have been marked, people who travel in the forests will be required to stay on the marked trails, said Bill Noack, the communications director for the Americans for Responsible Recreational Access.

The workshops will be held on Thursday, Feb. 1 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2, from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Feb. 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 4 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Grayling.

While the workshops being held on Thursday and Friday are being designated primarily for U.S. Forest Service personnel and the Saturday and Sunday workshops are being geared for the public, all sessions are open to anyone who wants to attend free of charge.

The national workshop series is sponsored by the Americans for Responsible Recreational Access, the Motorcycle Industry Council and the Speciality Vehicle Institute of Americans. The American Motorcyclist Association, Blue Ribbon Coalition and the United Four Wheel Drive Associations and U.S. Forest Service trail managers also had input into the planning for the workshop.

The objectives of the workshops are:

- to develop a better understanding of the needs and concerns of Off-Highway Vehicle enthusiasts and other stakeholders in implementation of the U.S. Forest Service's Travel Management Rule.

- to improve the quality and the sustainability of trails, trail systems and other areas through the implementation process.

- to improve Off-Highway Vehicle enthusiasts and other stakeholders input and support for the implementation process.

- to increase partnerships between the U.S. Forest Service, the Off-Highway Vehicle industry, Off-Highway Vehicle enthusiasts and other stakeholders.

The Off-Highway Vehicle enthusiasts and other stakeholders workshop objectives are:

- to develop an understanding of the U.S. Forest Service's Travel Management Rule.

- to help Off-Highway Vehicle enthusiasts and other stakeholders become more active in route designation decisions.

- to help Off-Highway Vehicle enthusiasts and other stakeholders understand how to improve the quality and sustainability of trails, trail systems and other areas through the implementation process.

- to increase partnerships between the U.S. Forest Service, the Off-Highway Vehicle industry, Off-Highway Vehicle enthusiasts and other stakeholders.

- to facilitate better communication between the U.S. Forest Service, Off-Highway Vehicle enthusiasts and other stakeholders.

The National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council is a non-profit educational foundation. For information regarding the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council and its workshop programs, visit its website at www.nohvcc.org.

For registration for the workshops or for more information, contact Ann Vance at 888-458-0131 or e-mail avance@nohvcc.org.

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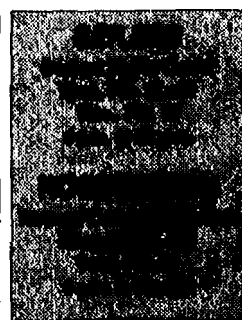
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Justification Confidence

Romans 5:1 assured us that "...being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:2 teaches us that justification by faith give us confidence by giving us access to God, an abode by grace, and anticipation of the glory of God. "2By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." "In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him." (Eph. 3:12).

1 Peter 3:18 reminds us that the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ was to "bring us to God" or give us access into His presence. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father." (Eph. 2:18).

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh." (Heb. 10:19,20). Jesus Christ said in John 14:6 that

He is our only true and living way of access to God the Father. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Second, justification not only gives us access to, but also an abode in God's presence as we stand by His grace. "2By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand..." Peter testified of this in 1 Peter 5:12b: "I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand." This grace was received by faith in the gospel of grace by which God called us. "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel." (Gal. 1:6). The first church council at Jerusalem assured us all people must be saved the same way, by grace. "But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they." (Acts 15:11). "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all." (Rom. 4:16). All believers must be able to say with Paul in 1 Cor. 15:10: "But by the

grace of God I am what I am..."

Third, we have not only access and abode in God's presence by justification, but also anticipation of the Glory of God; "...and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Peter reminded us in 1 Pet. 5:10 that God's call of grace "hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus..." Jesus Christ prayed to the Father in John 17:5: "5And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." In John 17:22 he stated that glory which He received, He shared with His disciples. "22And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one." His ultimate goal of sharing God's glory is stated in John 17:24: "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world." Do you have God's peace and confidence? Pastor "B"

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This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Feb. 2 - Lunch - beef goulash, cauliflower, peas and carrots, and banana. No Dinner. 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Feb. 5 - Lunch - stuffed cabbage, peas, boiled potatoes, and peaches. Dinner - baked fish, broccoli, O'Brien potatoes, and mandarin oranges. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. hearing clinic, 5:30 p.m. Yahtzee.

Tuesday, Feb. 6 - Lunch - hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, and grapes. Dinner - BBQ chicken, oven roasted potatoes, smothered squash, and tropical fruit. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. tax aide clinic, 12:45 p.m. Euchre,

5:30 p.m. Bunco.

Wednesday, Feb. 7 - Lunch - Teriyaki chicken, California blend vegetables, tossed salad and pineapple. Dinner - baked ham, brussels sprouts, au gratin potatoes, applesauce, and pumpkin custard. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. commodities at K of C Hall, 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. poker.

Thursday, Feb. 8 - Lunch - roast turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, and pears. Dinner - meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, and mixed fruit. 10 a.m. aerobics, 10:30 a.m. Denno's Museum trip - Traverse City, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 1 p.m. pinocle, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for February.

Immunization clinics: Feb. 7 and 21 by appointment, call (989) 348-7800.

Family planning clinic: Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27. Call (989) 348-7800 for appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children: Feb. 7-8, 15-16, 21-22-23 and 26. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions: For information call (231) 876-3839.

Flu clinics are being scheduled, call (989) 348-7800, for

appointment.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings: Available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled Feb. 20 in Grayling. Call (989) 348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings: This is a free program for children ages three years to third grade. Appointments are necessary. Clinics are held in Crawford County at the Head Start Building in Grayling. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of Feb. 1-7 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will conduct live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during Feb. 1-7.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training

requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371.

For further information call 1-989-344-6320.

46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

Sentencings for December 2006 - Hon. Janet M. Allen

Kristina Jean Brady, age 23 of Roscommon - Plead guilty on Nov. 13, 2006 to breaking and entering with intent; sentenced on Dec. 11, 2006 to serve nine months in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$613.75 in restitution, \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee; \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 18 months.

James Duane Schaasberg Jr., age 17 of Sterling Heights - Plead guilty on Nov. 13, 2006 to escape-juvenile facility; sentenced on Dec. 11, 2006 to serve nine months in jail with credit for 150 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; defendant declared eligible to perform 100 hours of community service in lieu of paying \$650 in court costs and attorney fees.

OBITUARIES

Alfred P. Szymanski

Dec. 5, 1933 - Jan. 29, 2007

Alfred "Al" Paul Szymanski, 73, of Lovells, passed away on January 29, 2007.

He was born in Detroit, on December 5, 1933, to the late Stanley and Stella (Wojchowski) Szymanski.

He was a helicopter mechanic while serving in the U.S. Army.

He married Marian Harms on December 17, 1966, in Mt. Clemens and they moved to the Lovells area from Chesterfield Township in 1996.

He loved spending time with his family and many outdoor sports including fishing, boating, water skiing, hunting, snow skiing, and camping in their motor home.

He is survived by wife, Marian, of 40 years; children: Denise (Mike) Itrich, Al (Tammie) Szymanski II, all of Marine City and Sheila (Don) Krause of Port Huron; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Jeanette Rodziewicz of Gibraltar and Elaine (William) Krell of Fraser.

A private family memorial service is planned.

Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice, 201 Meadows Drive, Suite A, Grayling, MI 49738.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Mary Jane Bevier

June 3, 1938 - Jan. 24, 2007

Mary Jane Bevier, 68, of Grayling, passed away on January 24, 2007.

She was born on June 3, 1938, to the late Alfred and Crystal Fay (Corbett) Bevier. Mary Jane was one of 11 children.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed her grandchildren and knitting.

She is survived by her companion of more than 20 years, Frank Fletcher; sons: Charles Bevier of Gaylord, Keith Bevier of Denver, Colo., Phillip (Marie) Bevier of Bad Axe, and Douglas Bevier of Wixom; ten grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on January 26, with pastor Rick Secord officiating.

Memorials may be made to "Feed the Children" P.O. Box 36, Oklahoma City, OK 73101.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

LIBRARY NEWS

Devereaux Memorial Library

The Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be offering a six-week beginning fly tying class. Instruction will cover tying of 12 patterns commonly found in the AuSable and Manistee River anglers fly boxes. The fly patterns taught in the class will cover most techniques basic to fly construction.

The evening class will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library, beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

All tying tools and materials are included in the forty-dollar class fee. Proceeds will be used towards support of Chapter's Library activities. To register or for information call 989-348-5196.

H.U.G.S. meeting

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Students get their ski legs at Hanson Hills



About 90 third and fourth graders from the Grayling Elementary School are taking part in free ski lessons at Hanson Hills through an annual program that is funded by the Grayling Youth Booster Club. Above, Dan Gallagher, a ski instructor, does some fundamental drills with the youngsters before they venture up the bunny hill.

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Dozens of Grayling elementary school students have been enjoying the snow that has been dumped on the area thanks to longstanding partnership between Hanson Hills and the Grayling Youth Booster Club.

About 90 third and fourth graders took part in their first free ski lessons for the season at Hanson Hills last week.

The lessons are taught after school on Thursday and Fridays. The school busses the youngsters to Hanson Hills.

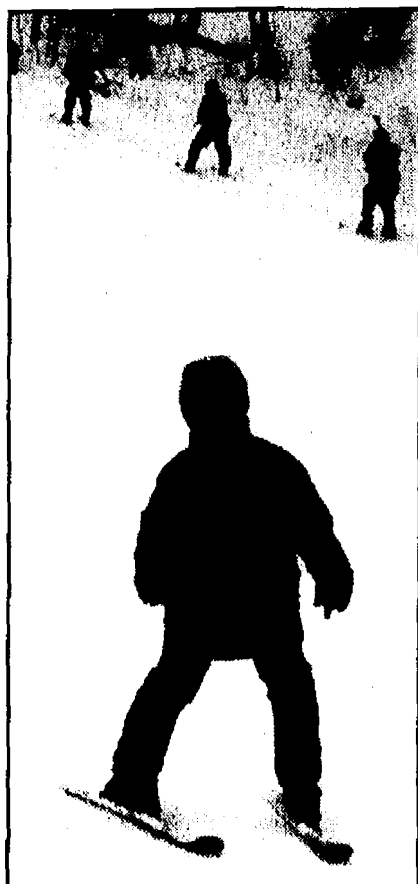
Those who have previous skiing experiences head right for more time on the bunny hill. The other first timers go through fundamental drills before venturing down the hill for the first time.

The Grayling Youth Booster Club paid \$2,200 to help defray the expenses for Hanson Hills as well as for the salaries for the ski instructors.

The Grayling Youth Booster Club has been funding the free ski program for the last 16 years.

"Anything we can do to get the kids away from the tv, games and being in the house so they get out in the outdoors - we want to do that," said Rick Schmidt, the president of the Grayling Youth Booster Club. "Hopefully, like every other project that we get involved in, this gives the kids a new interest and gets them going in something."

Justin Andre, the director at Hanson Hills, said the five-



Miquela Bergman, 9, a fourth grader, said she signed up for the ski lessons so she could spend more time skiing with her sister, Heaven Bergman.



Photos by Dan Sanderson

Brieann Koves, 10, a fourth grader, prepares to head for the ski hill after Justin Andre, the director at Hanson Hills, helped her put on her skis.

week ski program would likely cost about \$10,000 if it were offered at another ski resort in the region.

"There are not many communities around Michigan that offer a program like this - especially for a sport as unique as skiing,"

Andre said. "This gives us a chance to share our knowledge with the kids, and hopefully we will create a new batch of extreme skiers out here and it will help feed the high school and middle school ski programs."

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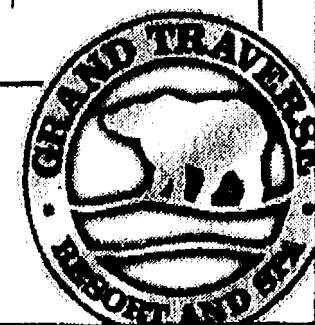
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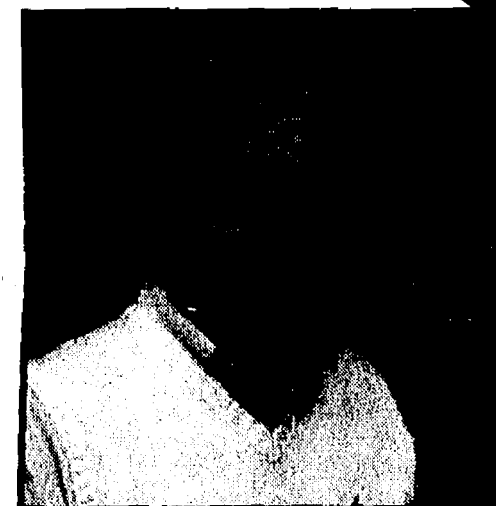
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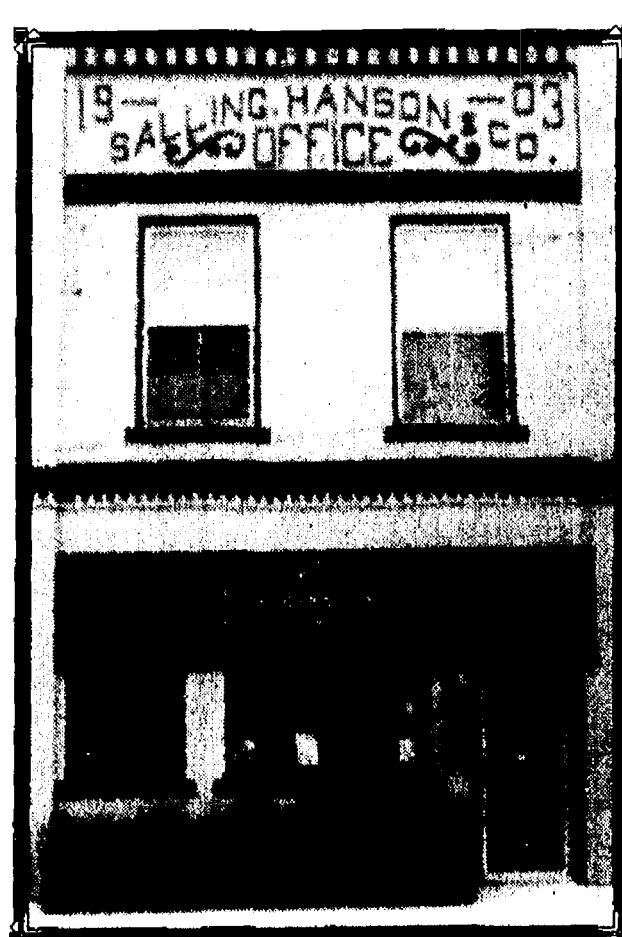
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Fun Run for the Animals



The third annual Snowmobile Fun Run to benefit the Animal Shelter of Crawford County was held on Saturday. In all, 42 shelter supporters, some who followed the Fun Run route by car, took part in the event and raised \$1,673 for the shelter. Above, a pack of 30 snowmobilers leave The Ole Barn, the first of five locations visited during the Fun Run.

Federal proposal would save interest on student loans, Michigan colleges say

by Chris Jackett
Capitol News Service

College students could see their loan interest cut in half over

the next five years if the U.S. Senate and president follow the U.S. House's lead.

Legislation would cut the cur-

rent 6.8 percent interest rate on federally guaranteed student loans to 3.4 percent by the end of 2011. The first decrease would drop the rate to 6.12 percent between July 1, 2007, and July 1, 2008.

"A reduction of interest rates will make students more comfortable accessing the loans available to them," said Mark Delorey, director of financial aid at Western Michigan University. The legislation "is a good thing for students. It enhances the quality of the program today."

Delorey added that interest rates "took a big bump last year" and that something has to be done.

The average student borrower in the state graduated with \$13,256 in loans in 2005, according to the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan (PIRGIM). The cuts coming in increments of 0.68 percent each year until the 3.4 percent mark is met could shave average interest costs from around \$4,400 to about \$2,200 over the course of a loan's life.

That would affect about 143,699 Michigan students each year, according to PIRGIM.

Delorey noted that interest is only part of the financial problem for students.

"We need a re-evaluation of loan limits," he said. A 2001 law "increased the amount students could borrow each year, but it didn't increase the cumulative amount. Students are just out of eligibility faster."

"I'd like to see annual and cumulative maximums adjusted.

It has been 15 years since they last were," Delorey added.

The maximum federal Stafford loan is \$5,500 per semester. However, that doesn't cover the complete costs of tuition, housing, textbooks and living expenses at most institutions, according to experts.

Ken Fridsma, director of financial aid at Grand Valley State University, said, "Although I applaud Congress for adding money into higher education by way of lower interest rates, my personal belief is that the cost to the federal government resulting from lower interest rates would be better spent on helping students seeking access to higher education rather than helping students after they have graduated."

"In other words, there are many low-income and middle-income students struggling to pay their tuition right now and these are the students who need federal help," he added.

The House-passed proposal is awaiting U.S. Senate action. Delorey expects the wording of the legislation to change slightly as the Senate debates it.

The legislation has come under some criticism because it wouldn't provide additional financial aid, but Congress is expected to discuss that issue later this year.

Terry Stanton, a public information officer for the state Department of Treasury, echoed that concern. "The proposal does not appear to be helpful when it comes to access to student aid, and thus higher education, which is, of course, one of our primary concerns."

Braces Basics

A teenager experiences many rites of passage: pimples, a first crush, a first kiss, a driver's license, the prom and braces. The last ordeal is perhaps the most dreaded. While braces may be something no teen looks forward to, millions of smiles are enhanced by the work of braces. The job of these dental appliances is to apply pressure to teeth, which makes them stay in a certain spot, creating straighter teeth and a beautiful smile.

The American Association of Orthodontics recommends that every child get a checkup with an orthodontist by age 7. Some orthodontic problems are easier to correct if detected sooner rather than later, and early treatment can prevent more severe problems later in life. Without treatment, teeth problems can lead to tooth decay, gum disease, bone destruction, chew problems and digestive difficulties. A bad bite can contribute to speech impediments, tooth loss, chipped teeth and other dental injuries.

The length of time for a teenager to wear braces varies, but most teens wear them for two years. The time frame depends on the health of the teeth, gums and bones, the severity of the problem, and how closely the patient follows instructions (such as wearing a headgear or a retainer).

Today's braces are different from those of yesteryear. Brackets, the part of the braces that holds the wire, come in traditional metal as well as clear or tooth color. Sometimes, brackets can even be put on the back of the teeth to completely minimize the appearance of braces. Wires are smaller and more advanced than in the past, straightening teeth even faster.

Because they have a mouth full of wires, braces wearers need to be on top of their dental health. It's important to brush after meals, remove anything lodged in braces and avoid foods that can get stuck in braces like popcorn, gum and hard candy.

True, it's hard to get excited about having wire, rubber bands and other gadgets in your mouth. Braces are definitely not as fun as the prom. But you'll know they were worth any amount of pain they might have caused when you see the end result — a beautiful smile. And that's something that will stick with you longer than that dried-up corsage.



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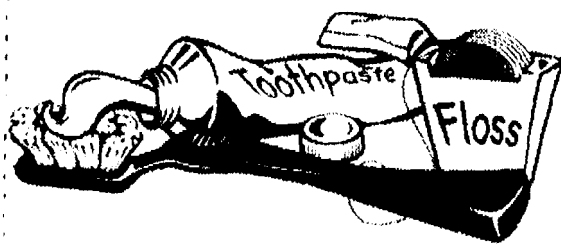
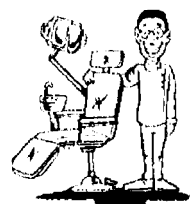
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Dollar Castle store to open in Grayling

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The former Knights of Columbus Hall is being transformed into a new retail store that will serve the community.

The Knights of Columbus Hall was purchased by Lisa and Gene McDaniel in December.

The Knights of Columbus Hall closed two years ago as the St. Mary's Church was undergoing a \$2 million addition and renovation project. Mass was temporarily held in the building while the church project was being completed. The building has been on the commercial property market, with several prospective developers eyeing the location for development.

Lisa McDaniel will open a Dollar Castle store in the main portion of the building.

Dollar Castle is based in Southfield, and has 15 locations located in southeast Michigan.

Lisa McDaniel said she met with Dollar Castle officials, including founder and CEO, Eddie Denha, at franchise shows held in Tampa and Detroit, while exploring potential business ventures.

"We like the concept they have with nice, clean well organized stores," Lisa said.

Wyman Building and Construction, is remodeling the building. McDaniel said the

Dollar Castle will be open sometime in March. The store will employ five people.

The rear portion of the building will be made available for lease as retail or office space.

Gene and Betty McDaniel, affectionally known as grandpa and grandma to costumers, owned and operated the Grayling Subway as well as two Subway locations in Gaylord since 1991. The Subway stores were sold to the Forward Corporation, which is based in Standish, in November.

Lisa said that her grandparents are assisting with her new venture, and will help out at the Dollar Castle store.

"We wanted to do something where they could help and stay involved without it having to be so labor intensive," Lisa said. "It was definitely a big step for us because we started doing Subway when I was 16-years old."

Lisa said she hopes the family will have the same success with Dollar Castle as it did with the Subway stores.

"We hope the store will fulfill a need in the area and for the surrounding community, and we hope the store will eventually serve as an example for other Dollar Castle franchise stores that may open in northern Michigan," Lisa said.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The main portion of the former Knights of Columbus Hall is being transformed into a Dollar Castle store, which will open its doors in March. Above, Cal Dutton, a local contractor working for Wyman Building and Construction, cuts a piece of drywall as the interior of the building is being remodeled.

AREA EVENTS

Traverse City - The Dennon Museum Center, 1701 East Front Street at the entrance to the campus of Northwestern Michigan College, presents Family Day to be held on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All of the activities will relate to the *A Terrible Beauty: Compulsion and Revolution* installation. Bring the whole family to the museum for this fun-filled event that will involve art projects, hands-on learning about insects, and insect related film, and more.

The Youth Workshop in correlation with the *Terrible Beauty* installation by Jennifer Angus, the Dennon Museum Center offers a workshop for 1st - 3rd

grade student to look at how artists use insects, arachnids and other wiggly creatures to create beautiful and interesting works of art.

Students will make their own bug-inspired creations. The cost for the workshop is \$20 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. Call (231) 995-1029 or email dbolan-der@nmc.edu to register by Feb. 9. The museum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is free to members or \$4 for adults, \$2 for children for nonmembers, and \$12 for families (same household).

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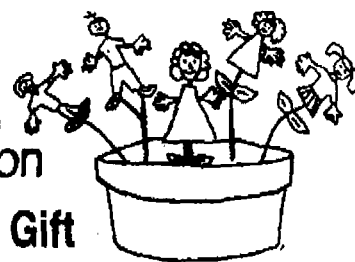
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Former nuclear site gets historic designation

by Michael Carney
Capitol News Service

The site of Michigan's first nuclear power plant will be remembered with a historical marker as the only physical reminder of the plant that stood at Big Rock Point in Charlevoix.

The state Historical Preservation Office plans to erect the marker at a roadside park in Charlevoix overlooking Big Rock Point on Little Traverse Bay. The site took its name from a Native American meeting point, said Laura Ashlee, publication and historical marker coordinator at the office.

"The plant was named after literally a big rock that sits out in the water," said Ken Pallagi of Consumers Energy, which built and operated the plant from 1962 to 1997. "It was used for centuries as a navigational aid by Native Americans."

"They would travel via birch bark canoe, and when they saw Big Rock, they used it as a gathering point and spend a couple days there before continuing their journey across the Bay to Harbor Springs," he added.

One side of the marker will explain the power plant, while the other side will describe the history of Big Rock Point.

Ashlee said, "This has been an

exciting project because we dealt with such different subjects on one marker."

"Typically if we have two different texts on the marker, they relate in some way. In this case we covered two very different subjects on one marker," she said.

The marker is the first the state has erected for a nuclear power plant.

"Consumers Energy applied for Big Rock Point," said Ashlee. "We rely on people to tell us why a site is deserving, show historical research, provide photographs and the historical significance to Michigan."

Individuals or organizations must donate the cost of the markers. Consumers Energy paid \$3,150 for the one at Big Rock Point, said Ashlee.

No dedication date has been set.

More than 1,500 markers across the state designate homes, farms, commercial buildings, churches, event locations, bridges and graves as historical sites.

"We even had one marking a shipwreck, with the marker underwater, but it broke away and we have yet to replace it," said Ashlee.

Big Rock Point provided elec-

tricity for Charlevoix from 1962, when it became Michigan's first nuclear power plant, until 1997, when the antiquated reactor was "scrammed," or shut down, for the last time as nuclear control operators, Andy Loe and Chuck Metzger, pressed two big red buttons, said Pallagi.

"Big Rock Point was Michigan's first and the nation's fifth commercial nuclear power plant," said Pallagi. "It really was the ground floor of nuclear power in the United States."

Early on, it served as a research and development plant to find how to efficiently generate power, which helped shape nuclear power today.

Today, little remains at the site. The day after it was decommissioned, plant cleanup began, which was finished in August 2006, said Pallagi.

An above-ground storage facility, housing the spent fuel rods, is the only structure remaining.

"The dry fuel storage facility sits on a 107-acre piece of property near the former site of the plant," said Pallagi. "The fuel is in a 20-foot concrete-and-steel structure about the size of a basketball court."

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has deemed the rest

of the area safe for public use.

"You could build anything on the site," said Pallagi. "A playground, a school, a park, anything. If you went out there today, all you would see is a green field."

No firm plans have been set for the eventual use of the site.

Over its 35-year run, the plant enjoyed several milestones, including operating for 343 days straight without a shutdown in 1977, a world record at the time, according to Consumers Energy.

In 1993, it became the longest running plant in the United States when it surpassed the previous record of 30 years, 92 days, set by the Yankee nuclear plant in Rowe, Mass.

The site was designated in 1991 a nuclear historical site by the American Nuclear Society because of its contributions to the nuclear and medical industries.

For 11 years, the plant provided cobalt 60, a radioactive material, once commonly used for cancer therapy, said Pallagi.

Michigan has three operating nuclear power plants: Donald C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant near Buchanan; Fermi Nuclear Power Plant near Detroit; and Palisades Nuclear Power Plant near South Haven.

Sheriff offers snowmobile safety course

Deputy Jason Alexander from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will conduct a complimentary snowmobile safety school on

Saturday, Feb. 17.

The school will held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grayling Township Fire Department, 1041

City Blvd. Participants should be at least 12 years of age.

Upon successful completion of the school, participants will receive a Michigan Snowmobile Safety School Certificate.

A lunch break will be held and Sheriff Kirk Wakefield suggests

that all participants bring a bag lunch and a drink.

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2006 tax changes put money in Michigan taxpayers' pockets

Closely reviewing your tax situation and taking advantage of new tax breaks may result in a bigger refund or less taxes to be paid this tax season. A telephone tax refund, new energy-saving tax credits, and recently enacted tax legislation are among the changes taxpayers will find when they start filling out their 2006 federal income tax returns.

"We encourage taxpayers to carefully compare these changes with their tax records to ensure that no deduction or credit is overlooked when they complete their returns," said IRS spokesperson Luis Garcia.

"Information about the latest tax changes is available on our web site, IRS.gov, but e-file is really the most efficient way to prepare your taxes, particularly taking into consideration the latest tax changes," said Garcia. "E-filing will ensure you do not miss out on these tax breaks. Also, taxpayers who earn \$52,000 or less can file for free and online at IRS.gov and clicking on Free File."

The IRS offers this list of changes that will be of particular interest to many taxpayers this year.

Telephone Excise Tax Refund - This is one-time refund may be requested on your 2006 federal income tax return. Anyone (including those who don't typically file a tax return) who paid long-distance excise taxes on landline, cell phone, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), or bundled service that was billed for the period after Feb 28, 2003 and before Aug 1, 2006 is eligible for this refund. (Bundled service is local and long-distance service provided under a plan that does

not separately list the charge for local service.)

You can request a refund for the actual tax amount you paid based upon your telephone bills for this period. Or you can request the standard refund amount ranging from \$30-\$60 based upon the number of exemptions you claim on your individual income tax return.

For those that normally do not file a tax return, there is a new form (Form 1040EZ-T) that you can use to request this refund. Form 1040EZ-T can be mailed to the IRS or it can be prepared and filed electronically at no cost by using Free File at IRS.gov.

Businesses and tax-exempt organizations are also eligible for the telephone excise tax refund under a different procedure. For more information, go to the IRS Web site at IRS.gov and select the link for the Telephone Excise Tax Refund.

Homeowners Energy Tax Credits - Individuals who made energy-conscious purchases in 2006 may receive tax benefits when filling out their tax returns. The new law provides tax credits for making your principal residence more energy efficient.

These credits are claimed on IRS Form 5695, Residential Energy Credits. For more information go to the IRS.gov, or the U.S. Department of Energy at Energy.gov and use the term "Energy Policy Act Tax Credits" in the keyword search feature.

Hybrid Vehicles Generate Tax Credits - The tax credit for hybrid vehicles may be as much as \$3,400 for those who purchased the fuel-efficient passenger automobiles and light trucks. A complete listing of qualified

vehicles is available on the IRS web site. The tax credit for hybrid vehicles applies to vehicles purchased on or after Jan. 1, 2006.

Recently Enacted Tax Changes - Legislation enacted in late December (2006) extended certain tax benefits that had expired in 2005. This new legislation affects a number of areas of tax law, but the most significant effect on individual taxpayers involves the deductions for state and local sales tax, higher education tuition and fees, and educator expenses.

State and Local General Sales Tax Deduction - Taxpayers have the option of claiming state and local sales taxes instead of state and local income taxes when they itemize deductions. Sales tax tables are included in Publication 600 which is available on the IRS.gov Web site. This deduction mainly benefits taxpayers residing in a state with no income tax; however, it may give a larger deduction to taxpayers who paid more in sales tax than state/local income taxes. For example, you may have bought a new car, boosting your sales tax total.

Higher Education Tuition and Fees Deduction - Taxpayers must file Form 1040 to claim the higher education tuition and fees deduction of up to \$4,000 of tuition and fees paid to post-secondary institutions.

Educator Expense Deduction - If you were a teacher or educator in 2006, you may be able to deduct up to \$250 of qualified expenses (books and classroom supplies) you paid in 2006. The deduction is available to eligible educators in public or private elementary or secondary

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New Split Refund Option - For the first time, taxpayers can split their refunds among up to three accounts held by up to three different U.S. financial institutions, such as banks, mutual funds, brokerage firms or credit unions. To split their direct-deposit refunds among two or three different accounts or financial institutions, taxpayers should complete the new Form 8888, Direct Deposit of Refund to More Than One Account. Taxpayers can also continue to use the direct deposit line on the Forms 1040 to electronically send their refunds to one account.

For information about any of these tax breaks visit the IRS at IRS.gov. For highlights of the tax changes for 2006, see IRS Publication 553, Highlights of 2006 Tax Changes, and the instruction book for Form 1040, which can be downloaded from the Web site or order by calling 800-829-3676 (800-TAX-FORM).

Quick and easy access to IRS forms and publications

The Internal Revenue Service has many forms and free publications on a wide variety of topics to help you understand and meet tax filing requirements. If you need IRS materials try one of these easy options:

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Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 87 complaints the week of Jan. 22 - Jan. 28:

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laneous arrest, 23 traffic accidents, three accidents-non-traffic, one parking violations, five property inspections, three civil matters/family disputes, six suspicious situations, 15 general non-criminal complaints and six driving violations/driving while license suspended.

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GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of Jan. 21 - Jan. 28:

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Ferris State University
University officials have announced that 2,963 students received Academic Honors for the Fall 2006 semester at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design. The Fall 2006 semester ended in December.

To be eligible for Academic Honors, undergraduate students must have accumulated at least a 3.5 GPA in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework at the 100 level or higher during the given semester, while part-time must have accumulated at least 12 credit hours of graded coursework at the 100 level or higher with a 3.5 semester GPA and a 3.3 cumulative GPA.

Among the students were: Brigid Deleo, Thomas Everly, Angela Floriano, and Jasmine Stancil, all of Grayling; Kimberly Passmore and Matthew Sidebottom, of Mio; and Joshua Murray, of Roscommon.

Albion College

Christopher Hodges has been named to the Albion College dean's list for the fall 2006 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

Christopher Hodges is a senior majoring in music education, and is completing the K-12 edu-



Matt Seager

cation program. He is the son of Douglas Hodges and Nancy Hodges of Roscommon and a graduate of Roscommon High School.

Aquinas College

Aquinas College announced that Matt Seager, of Grayling, was named to the Fall 2006 Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement.

Honors are awarded to students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above in a minimum of twelve hours or more of graded credit in any semester.

Central Michigan University

Central Michigan University announced fall semester honors for students from the Grayling area who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point averages: Sean R. Casey, Kip E. Franklin, Todd A. Gaffke, and Willie M. Martin. From Mio, Gabriel D. Baker.

The fall semester ended in December.

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Vikings win wrestling meet vs. Gaylord, Boyne City

■ Grayling defeats Ramblers 68-6 and posts 49-27 victory over Blue Devils

The GHS wrestling team defeated both Boyne City and Gaylord in a three-team meet held at Grayling Middle School last Thursday.

The Vikings won 68-6 vs. the Boyne City Ramblers in the first meet of the night.

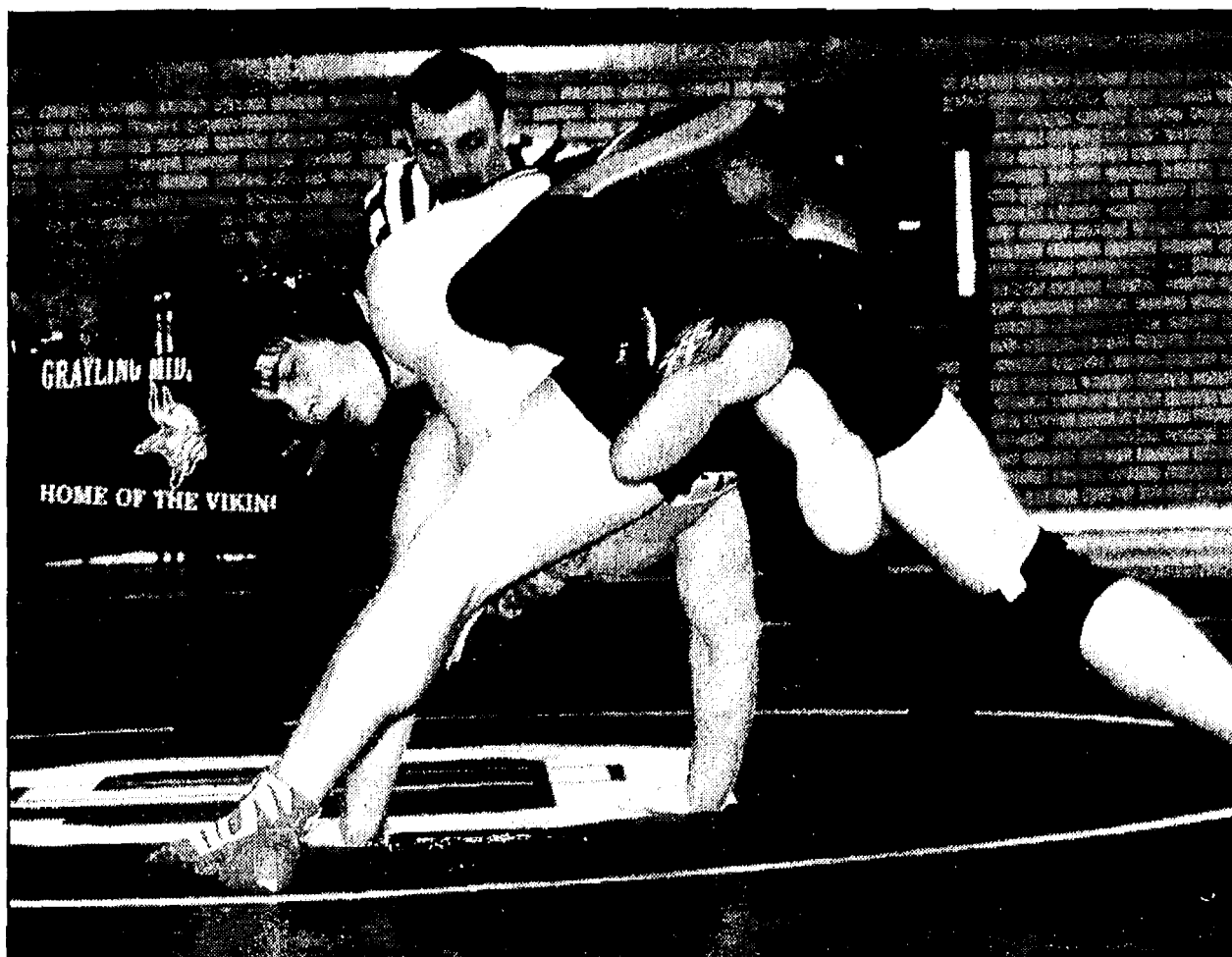
Cody Collen (140) and Cody Malone (145) pinned their Boyne City opponents in the first round. Corey Metzger (152) won with a second round pin. Jeff Bancroft won a 16-1 decision in the 160-pound weight class. Eric Madill (171) pinned his Rambler counterpart in the first round. Joey Contreras (215) scored a pin in the second round. Matt Letts (heavyweight) won by default.

In one of the closest battles of the night, Rob Harrison won a 12-11 decision in the 103-pound division for Grayling. Josh Moggo (112) won by default. Adam Crittenden (119) pinned his Boyne City opponent in the first round. Tyler Arseneau (125) and Stephen Grove (130) both won by default.

In the Grayling vs. Gaylord meet, the Vikings got on the board first with a default win for Malone (145). Metzger (152) scored a first round pin. Bancroft (160) won by default. Madill (171) won with a pin in the second round. Matt Haight (189) won a 10-7 decision for three team points, giving Grayling a 27-0 lead.

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See "VIKINGS WIN..."



Matt Haight (189) battles a Gaylord opponent during last week's varsity wrestling meet at Grayling Middle School.



Adam Crittenden (119) wrestles against the Blue Devils on Thursday.

Grayling posts 3-0 victory against Alcona in varsity volleyball meet

■ Vikings defeat Elk Rapids Elks 25-21, 25-19, and 25-17 in meet on the road

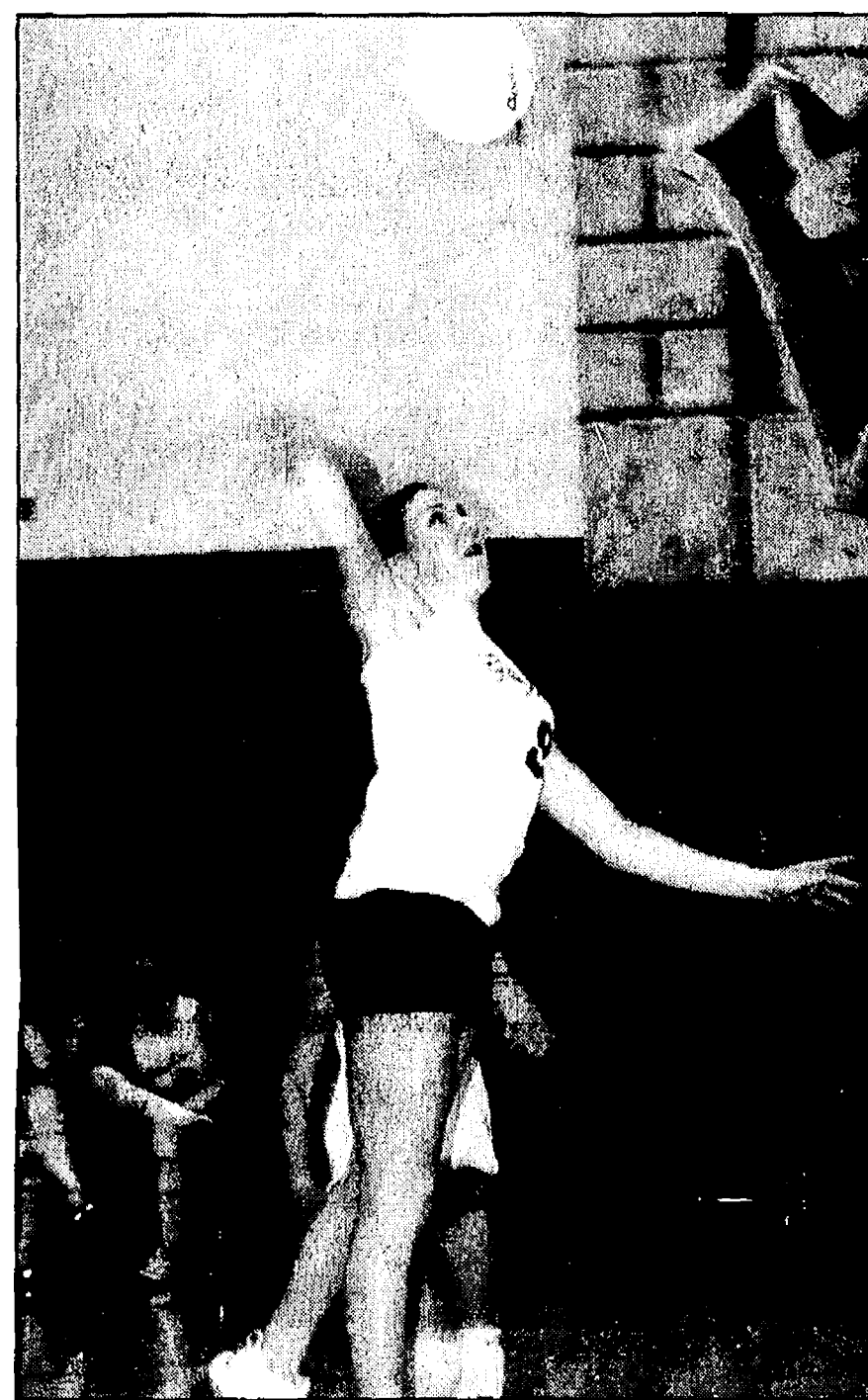
The Grayling High School varsity girls volleyball team posted wins in two recent meets

with victories over Elk Rapids and Lincoln Alcona.

Last Monday, the Vikings defeated the visiting Alcona Tigers 3-0 with scores of 25-15, 25-16, and 25-4.

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See "GRAYLING POSTS..."



Jamie Hagerman hits a ball near the net for Grayling High School's varsity volleyball squad last Monday.

Local team wins 7th Tip-Up Town softball title



A local team won its seventh consecutive Tip-Up Town Softball On Ice tournament championship this past weekend, posting a 4-0 record in the two-day, double elimination event held on the ice of Houghton Lake. The team included: (front, L to R) Caleb Casey, Dave Burr, scorekeeper Zach Mack, Mark Burke, Joel Mack; (back, L to R) Jeremy Latuszek, Russ DeHart, D.J. Metzger, Darrell Metzger, Dale Metzger. Not pictured: Troy McDonald, Doug Woodworth.

9th grade volleyball team defeats Alcona 3-0

■ Vikings win 25-17, 25-12, 15-10 vs. Tigers on Monday, place 3rd at Gaylord

Grayling High School's freshman girls volleyball squad posted a 3-0 series victory over the visiting Alcona Tigers last

Monday at GHS.

Grayling won the meet with scores of 25-17, 25-12, and 15-10.

"Savannah Foguth led in assists. Jessica Zarnick played great defense and led in serving.

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See "9TH GRADE..."



Grace Calkins hits a ball for the GHS freshman volleyball team vs. Alcona last week.

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Grayling posts 3-0 victory against Alcona in varsity volleyball meet

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Grayling lost a best-of-three series to Kalkaska 3-1 (21-25, 17-25, 25-17, 22-25) on Monday, Jan. 15, at GHS.

On Thursday, Jan. 11, Grayling posted a 3-0 victory vs. Elk Rapids on the road with scores of 25-21, 25-19, and 25-17.

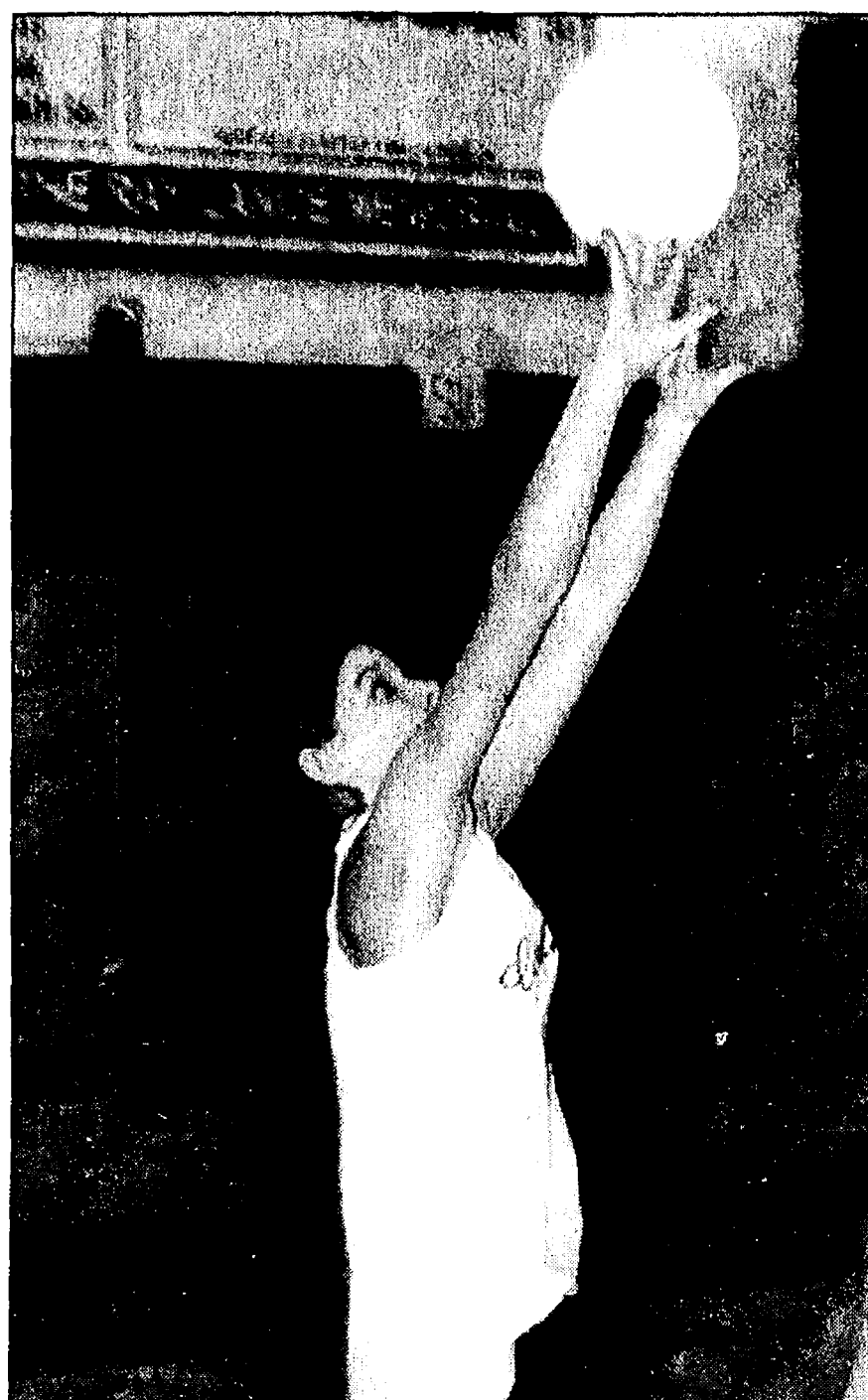
The team has "been led by Jamie Hagerman with strong net play at the middle

attacker position. In the last three matches, she has seven blocks and 32 kills. The young Vikings have been gaining experience all season and are now very competitive in their matches," Coach Brian Banda said.

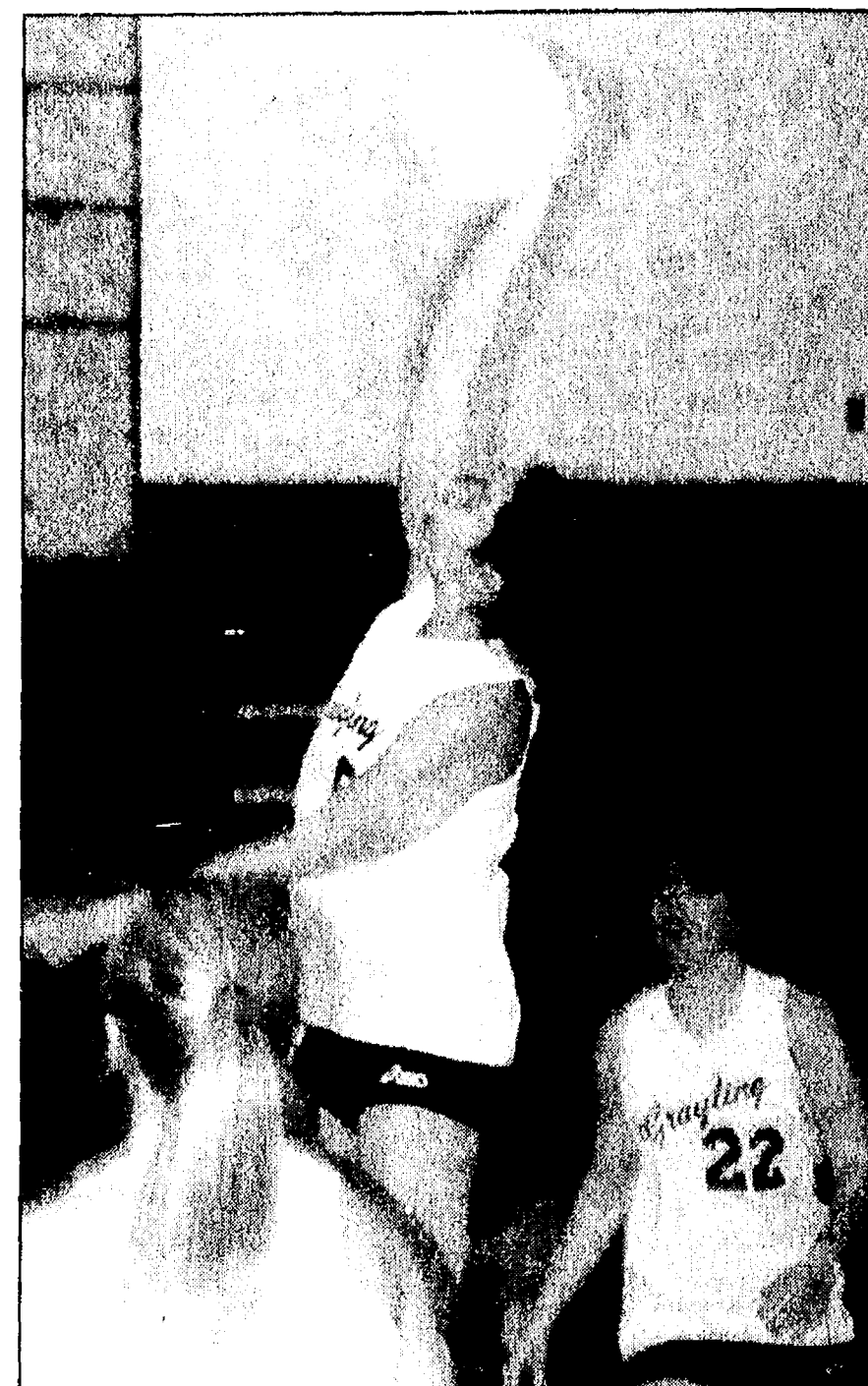
"In the Lincoln Alcona match, the Lady Vikes were very impressive with their serving. The Vikes were led by Kelly Lange, who served 15 straight in game three to give the

Vikings a 14-1 lead. Junior Annie Melroy provided great leadership in the Lincoln Alcona match with seven digs and nine kills," Coach Banda said.

The Vikings will host the Subway Invitational this weekend. Play begins at 9 a.m. Because the tournament is one team short, Grayling will split its team and have two squads participating in the tournament.



Rachel Ward (left) and Rene Clair (right) hit the ball for the Vikings during last week's varsity volleyball meet against the Alcona Tigers at Grayling High School.



9th grade volleyball team defeats Alcona 3-0

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Grace Calkins, Anna Hagerman, and Sierra Williamson hit well on the night. Assisting Zarnick on defense was Chynna Williamson and Suzanne House," Coach Jessica Belusar said.

"Each player is starting to meet their personal goals. I am very proud of their improvement. This group works hard every day. They are exactly what a coach looks for in a team –

selfless, hardworking teammates," Coach Belusar said.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, the Vikings competed in their first and only tournament of the 2007 season. Grayling finished third out of four teams. The event was held in Gaylord.

In pool play, the Vikings lost to Traverse City Central (11-21, 18-21), split with Gaylord (18-21, 21-5) and lost to Cheboygan (15-21, 6-21).

In the first round of bracket play, Grayling beat Roscommon – a number one seed from pool play – by scores of 21-19 and 21-10. Grayling then lost to Cheboygan (21-12, 16-21, 10-12). The Vikings defeated Gaylord to finish in third place. Cheboygan took second, and Traverse City Central placed first.

"The girls did a great job working together. Taking third was the best thing for their confidence. They have worked very hard to improve their volleyball skills and it showed this weekend," Coach Belusar said.

The Vikings will host Elk Rapids at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1.



Sierra Williamson hits a ball near the net for the GHS 9th grade volleyball team on Monday.

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Viking of the Week

Varsity Volleyball
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Jamie, a middle attacker, "has been playing very well this season. During the past two weeks, she has led the Vikings to two wins with 7 blocks and 32 kills. Her dominance at the net has helped turn our season around," her coach said.



Kelsey Neuberger hits the ball from the back row during Monday's freshman volleyball meet.



Members of three basketball teams – Grayling High School's varsity squad, Roscommon High School's varsity team, and Kirtland Community College's men's squad – gather at center court prior to last Tuesday's Grayling vs. Roscommon contest to honor Glen Donahue (center), men's basketball coach at KCC. Rich Moffit, varsity coach for GHS, presented Donahue with a plaque for his contributions to area basketball programs.

Varsity basketball squad falls to Roscommon 84-76

On Tuesday night, the Vikings of Grayling High School lost a home varsity boys basketball game vs. the Roscommon Bucks by a final score of 84-76.

Roscommon led by two points after one quarter, 21-19. The Bucks outscored Grayling 26-9 in the second quarter to lead 47-28 at halftime. Roscommon had a 67-45 advantage going into the fourth period. The Vikings

fought back in the final eight minutes, but the Bucks won the contest by eight points, 84-76.

"The second quarter hurt us. Our weak side rotations and boards were slow in this quarter. We played hard in the second half and did some positive things. Our defensive pressure improved and we got a good read on Roscommon. We hope to be at full strength if we play them a

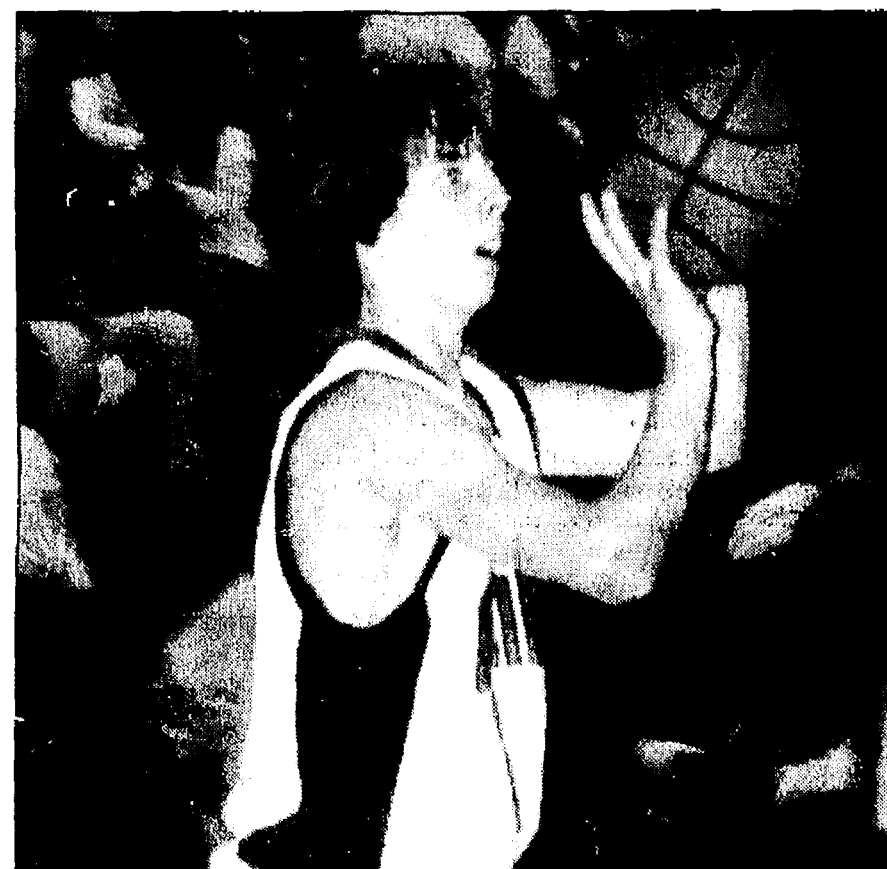
third time," Coach Rich Moffit said.

(The Vikings were without two players – Jim Boylan and Trent Larm – on Tuesday night due to injuries. Larm is expected to miss the rest of the 2007 season.)

Leading scorers for Grayling on Tuesday included: Steve Hodge, 22 points, 2 assists, 2 steals; Josh Stapleton, 13 points, 4 assists, 4 steals; Mike Boylan,

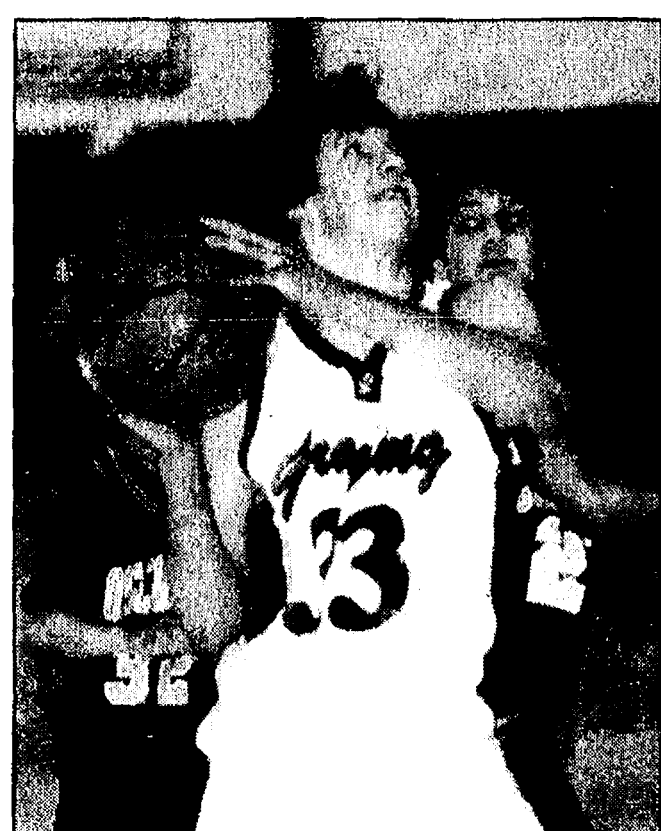
11 points, 7 rebounds; Richard Schreiber, 9 points, 4 rebounds, 8 assists, 6 steals; Jeremiah Bootz, 8 points, 6 rebounds; Nick Parkinson, 7 points, 10 rebounds, 3 steals; Justin Summers, 4 points; Rocky McNamara, 2 points, 4 rebounds.

The Vikings (3-4 conference, 3-7 overall) will host Charlevoix on Friday, Feb. 2.



(Left) Richard Schreiber dribbles the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday night. (Right) Josh Stapleton shoots the ball for Grayling vs. Roscommon on Tuesday.

JV team beats Bucks 46-37



(Top left) Ross Teeple controls the ball for the GHS junior varsity basketball team during the squad's home game vs. the Roscommon Bucks last Tuesday. (Top right) Spencer Dean drives to the basket for the Vikings. (Bottom left) Doug Gothro handles the ball for GHS. (Bottom right) John Cochran shoots for Grayling on Tuesday. The Vikings led 29-6 at halftime and won 46-37.

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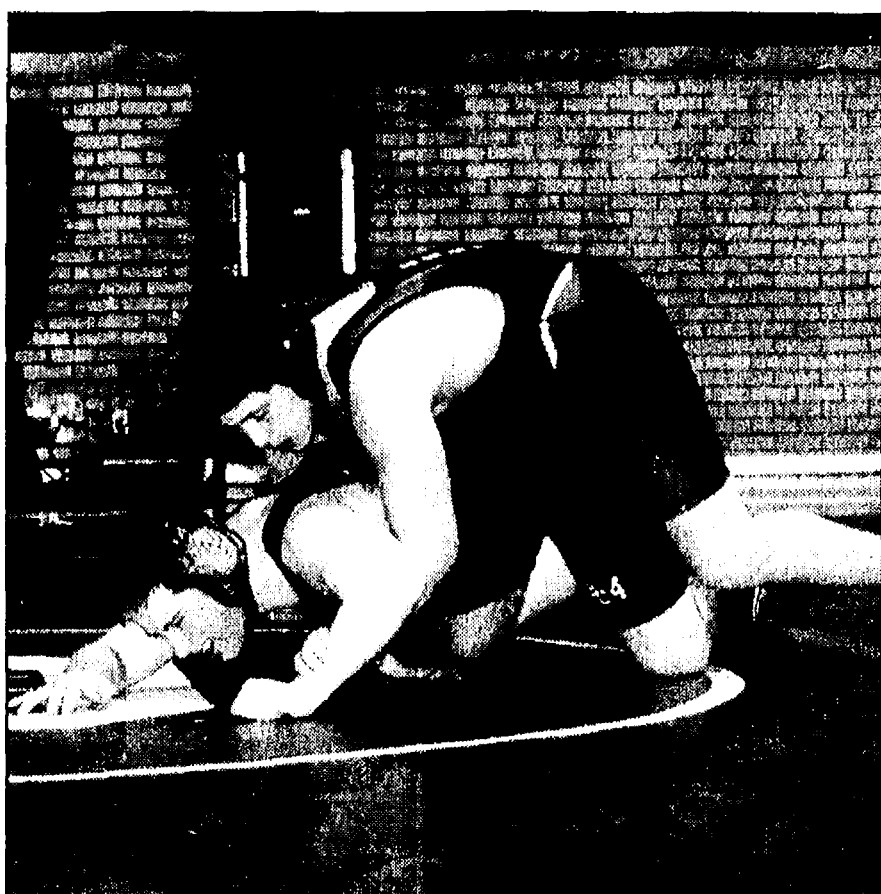
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Joey Contreras (215), left, and Corey Metzger (152), right, wrestle against Boyne City on Thursday night at Grayling Middle School.

Vikings win wrestling meet vs. Gaylord, Boyne City

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Gaylord won the 215-pound weight class with a pin. Letts (heavyweight) pinned his Gaylord counterpart in the first round. The Blue Devils won the 103-pound division with a pin. Moggo (112) won a 12-0 decision for the Vikings. Gaylord won at 119 by decision, 13-6, and took the 125-pound weight class with a pin. Grove (130) won

his match vs. Gaylord with a first round pin. Grayling forfeited at 135. Collen (140) won the last bout of the night with a second round pin, and the Vikings won the meet 49-27.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, the GHS wrestling team traveled to the Ithaca Invitational and finished 7th against what Coach Joe Ferrigan described as the squad's "toughest


competition of the year."

Individual winners for the Vikings included: Grove (130), 3rd place; Malone (145), 3rd place; Bancroft (152), 3rd place; Madill (171), 4th place; Troy Wilson (189), 3rd place.

The Vikings will wrestle against Pine River and Reed City at Pine River on Wednesday, Feb. 7.

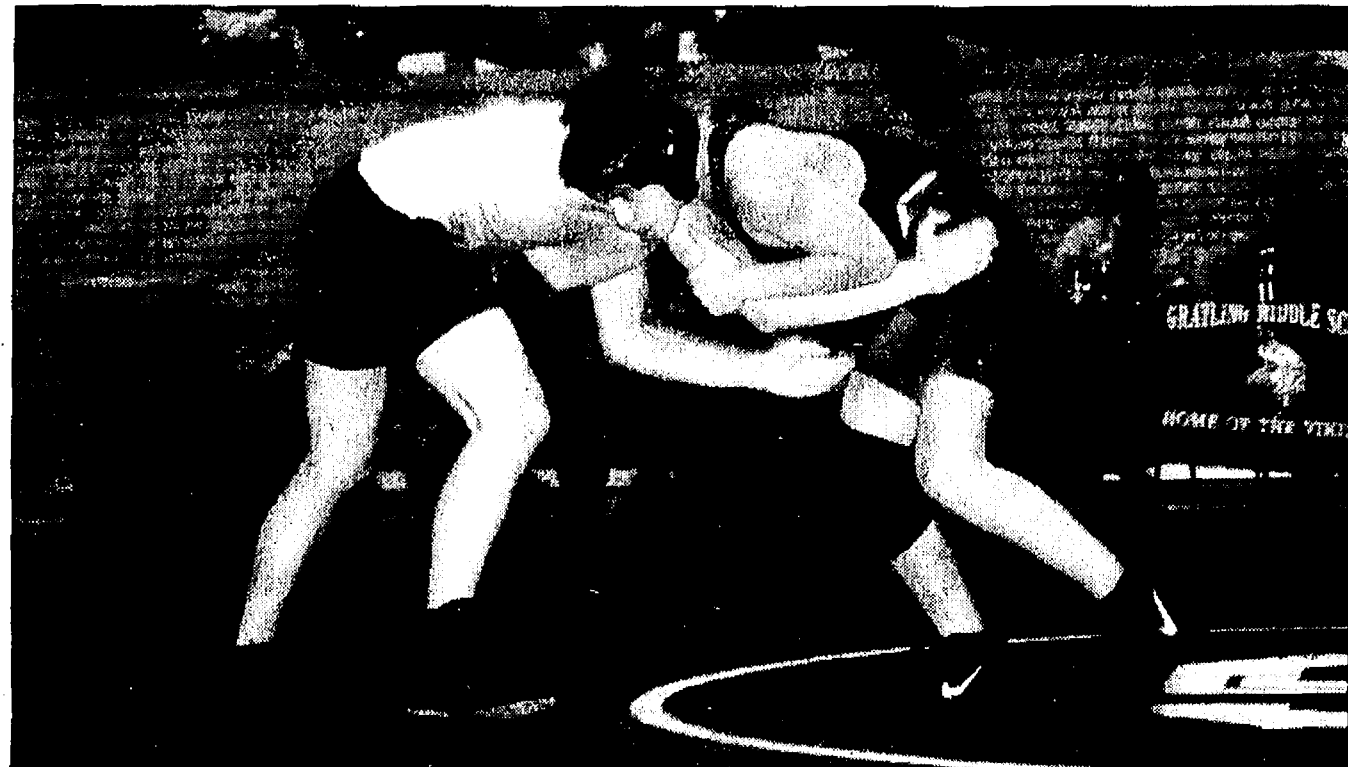
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Viking of the Week



Wrestling
 Coach: Joe Ferrigan
ERIC MADILL

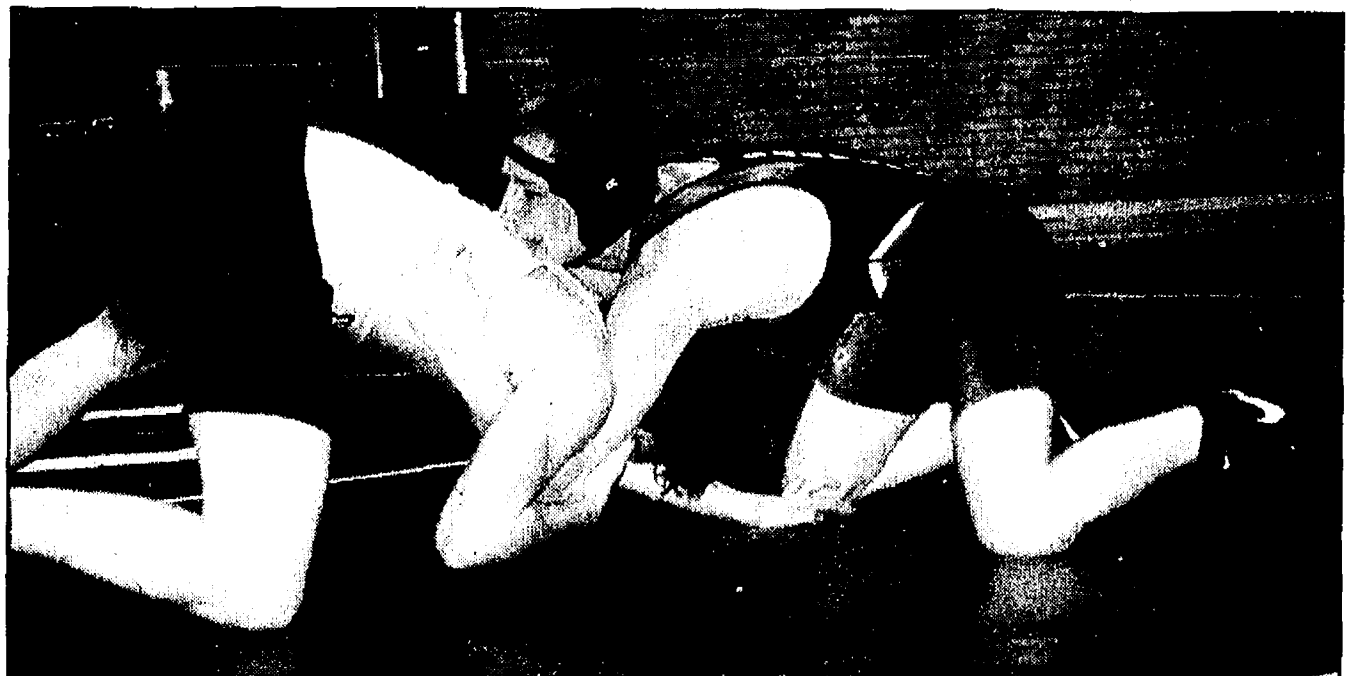
Eric won two key matches during Grayling's recent meet against Elk Rapids and Standish Sterling Central. The Vikings posted team wins against both squads.



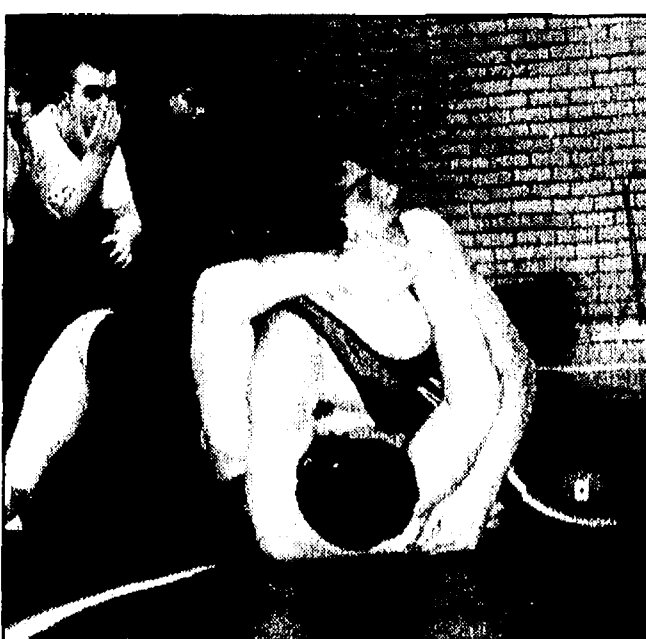
Josh Moggo (112) competes against Gaylord on Thursday.



Matt Letts (heavyweight), left, and Cody Malone (145), right, wrestle against Gaylord and Boyne City, respectively, on Thursday night.



Cody Collen (140) battles a Gaylord opponent during a meet at GMS last week.



Eric Madill (171), left, wrestles against Boyne City and Tyler Arseneau (125), right, competes against Gaylord on Thursday night.

6TH GRADE BASKETBALL



Grayling's 2007 6th grade boys basketball recently opened its season with a 4th place finish in an eight-team Magic Tournament held at Grayling High School. The team: (front, L to R) Nolan Ryan, Alex Bartha, Tyler Powers, Blake Hatfield, Jacob Cochrane; (back, L to R) Coach Joe Powers, Wesley Dean, Chris Phillips, Mason Krey, Louis Menard, Levi Korneli, Scott Parkinson, Coach Jeff Parkinson.

LEGAL ACTION

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Todd H Nye and Kathleen J Nye, husband and wife, as joint tenants with the rights of survivorship to Option One Mortgage Corporation Mortgage, dated October 7, 2005 and recorded October 25, 2005 in Liber 678 Page 63 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT2, by assignment dated October 27, 2006 and recorded November 13, 2006 in Liber 684, Page 119, on which mortgage there

is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Six Hundred One Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents (\$77,601.93) including interest 11.6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, March 7, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A-1: A parcel of land situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, State of Michigan, being part of Parcel A as shown on the Certificate of Survey recorded in Liber 136, Page 88 in the South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 6, Town 25 North, Range 3 West described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 6; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, along the West line of said

section 919.83 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, along said section line, 196.62 feet; thence North 89 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds East 660.00; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West 196.59 feet; thence South 89 degrees 04 minutes 45 seconds West 660.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the right of way of Oak Road over the Westerly 33 feet thereof

Commonly known as 6793 S Oak Rd, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 25, 2007 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT2,

Assignee of Mortgage

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123

Our File No: 07-

63414 -1-8-15-22-1

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Faithie Ann Fraley and Terry Fraley, Wife and Husband to Argent Mortgage Company LLC, Mortgagee, dated June 24, 2005 and recorded July 12, 2005 in Liber 676 Page 197 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. as Trustee under POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT Dated as of August 1, 2005 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WHQ4, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$107,903.11) including interest 6.55% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, February 14, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A Part of the North Half of the South Half of Section 31, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County Michigan, Commencing at the South Quarter Corner of Section 31, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Thence North 00 Degrees 50 Minutes 07 Seconds East Along the North-South Quarter Line 2253.76 feet for a point of beginning; Thence continuing North 00 Degrees 50 Minutes 07 Seconds East 139.10 Feet to the Easterly Right of Way of M-93 and I-75 Business Loop; thence Northwestwesterly along said Easterly Right of Way line and are of a 3349.04 Feet Radius Curve to the Left 63.13 Feet of Which the chord bears North 14 Degrees 22 Minutes 51 Seconds West 63.11 Feet; thence South 89 Degrees 09 Minutes 53 Seconds East 416.56 Feet; Thence South 00 Degrees 30 Minutes 07 Seconds West 200.00 Feet; Thence North 89 Degrees 09 Minutes 53 Seconds West 400 feet to Point of Beginning, Containing 1.85 Acres.

Commonly known as 398 I-75, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be

30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: JANUARY 4, 2007 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. as Trustee under POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT Dated as of August 1, 2005 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WHQ4,

Assignee of Mortgage
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.

811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123

Our File No: 06-61852 -11-18-25-1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nicole Babbitt a married woman and Raymond Babbitt a married man, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 13, 2005, and recorded on July 6, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 156, and assigned by said Mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Sixty And 88/100 Dollars (\$90,260.88), including interest at 5.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 28, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 307.5 feet of Lot 4, the East half of Lot 5 and Lot 6, Block 6, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 25, 2007
For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #114196F03 -25-1-8-15

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald Passino, a single man,

original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 25, 2003, and recorded on December 16, 2003 in Liber 662 on Page 227, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Seventy-Eight And 80/100 Dollars (\$100,078.80), including interest at 12.15% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 40 Red Wing Terrace according to the recorded plat thereof

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 18, 2007
For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #122676F01 -18-25-1-8

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darrel M. Sauter, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for NovaStar Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 12, 2006 and recorded August 10, 2006 in Liber 682, Page 746, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Three and 19/100 Dollars (\$98,203.19) including interest at 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 21, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel A-1: Being part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West. Commencing at the North one-quarter corner of said Section 13, thence South 00 degrees 31 minutes 00 seconds East 1317.38 feet (recorded as 1318.0 feet); thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 52 seconds East 805.82 feet (recorded as North 89 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East 806.0 feet); thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 49 seconds West (recorded as North 00 degrees 19 minutes West) 187.73 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 16 minutes 49 seconds West 210.58 feet; thence South 64 degrees 26 minutes 14 seconds West (recorded as South 64 degrees 24 minutes 42 seconds West) 148.35 feet; thence

South 00 degrees 29 minutes 52 seconds East 146.99 feet; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 36 seconds East 133.54 feet to the place of beginning. Together with a 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress as recorded in certificate of survey recorded in Liber 290, Page 46, Liber 329, page 262 and Liber 598, Pages 508 through 510, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 18, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 402.0216 -18-25-1-8

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Edward Werthman, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated June 10, 2005, and recorded on August 15, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 769, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Eighty-Two And 49/100 Dollars (\$63,082.49), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 7, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Thence South 89 Degrees 17 Minutes East 33 Feet to the Point of Beginning, Thence South 89 Degrees 17 Minutes East on the East-West 1/4 Line of said Section 400 Feet, Thence North 00 Degrees 03 Minutes East 133 Feet, Thence North 89 Degrees 17 Minutes West 400 Feet, Thence South 00 Degrees 03 Seconds East to the Point of Beginning, but Reserving unto the Grantors Herein a 20 Foot Easement along the Southerly Edge of Such Property for Purposes of Ingress and Egress to the Property Immediately to the East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 1, 2007
For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #125323F01 -1-8-15-22

USDA - Forest Service Huron - Manistee National Forests Change of Newspapers of Record

On January 12, 2007 a new listing of Newspapers of record for the Huron-Manistee National Forest was published in the Federal Register. With that publication, official notification for the Forest will be published in the newspapers of record as listed below.

Forest Supervisor Decisions:

Cadillac News, published daily in Cadillac, Wexford, County, Michigan;

District Ranger Decisions:

Baldwin District: Lake County Star, published weekly in Baldwin, Lake County, Michigan;
Cadillac District: Manistee News Advocate, Published daily in Manistee, Manistee County, Michigan;
Harrisville District: Oscoda Press, published weekly in Oscoda, Iosco County, Michigan;
Manistee District: Manistee News Advocate, published daily in Manistee, Manistee County, Michigan;
Mio District: Oscoda County Herald, Published weekly in Mio, Oscoda County, Michigan;
Tawas District: Oscoda Press, published weekly in Oscoda, Iosco County, Michigan;
White Cloud District: Lake County Star, published weekly in Baldwin, Lake County, Michigan

Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals to meet

The Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, February 19, 2007, at 7 p.m. in the town hall to hear the following request:

Case # 07-01SD

Dimensional Variance

Petitioner: Curt Jansen
Petitioner Address: 6538 W. Old Lake Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738
Address of prop. 3907 Juniper Way
Grayling, MI 49738
Property ID# 040-41-009-07-080-00
Parcel size: Approx. 24,000 sq. ft (all within NRD)
Zoning: Natural River District

Request: Lot size in non-conforming to NRD requirements. General construction on front and rear of existing home. Nearest point of construction to river is 36-feet (includes 2-foot rise in bank), requiring a (1) 164-foot front variance. Nearest point of construction to west lot line is 30-feet, requiring a (2) 5-foot side variance. Nearest point of construction to rear lot is 27-feet, requiring a (3) 23-foot variance.

Text and maps of request are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting rooms are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator.

Terry Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

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American Legion.....	20 - 8
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Days Inn.....	14 - 14
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Glen's Market.....	13 - 15
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High Game: L. Hanson, 233; S. Noeske, 201; S. Hamey, 191.	
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High Series: D. Yelinek, II, 686; D. Canfield, 648; A. Angove, 625.	
High Game: D. Yelinek, II, 288; D. Canfield, 238; B. St. Clair, 234.	
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Collen & Starks.....	20 - 8
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Grayling Pharmacy.....	60.5 - 15.5
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High Series Women: C. Clark, 502; I. Cosgray, 493; M. Ryssio, 442.	
High Game Women: C. Clark, 202; I. Cosgray, 184; P. Harris, 165.	
High Series Men: P. Faustman, 588; D. Williamson, 536; K. Harris, 527.	

Pioneer League	
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Spicy Bob's.....	5 - 7
T.C. Lawncare.....	4 - 8
Tim's Collision.....	4 - 8
High Series: S. Johnson and H. Stairs, 505; M. Cole, 502; M. Rock, 495.	
High Game: S. Johnson, 203; T. Rock, 201; M. Cole, 199.	

Northwood League	
Riverland Rowdies.....	16 - 8
Preston Heating.....	15 - 9
Pro Paint Princesses.....	14.5 - 9.5
Bud Lite Babes.....	13.5 - 10.5
Choppers Spare.....	11 - 13
High Series: T. Rock, 505; T. Hellebuyck, 499; M. Rock, 458.	
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High Series: Lance Davis, 692; Lonnie Davis, 659; D. Canfield, 607.	
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Sunday Mixed Doubles	
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High Series Men: B. Harris, 576; M. Clark, 571; L. Wyatt, 549.	
High Game Men: B. Harris, 223; L. Wyatt, 207; R. Tinker, 205.	
High Series Women: S. Harris, 534; E. Slater, 494; T. Rock, 460.	
High Game Women: S. Harris, 207; E. Slater, 190; T. Rock, 163.	

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Men's Team
Chalk up another win for the Kirtland Community College men's basketball team.

The host Firebirds won their fourth consecutive game, and the fifth out of their last six contests, by beating Henry Ford Community College, 70-67, on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the CRAF Center in Roscommon.

Freshman forward Brian Christian (Detroit Mumford) again supplied the heroics for Kirtland (11-8 overall), hitting four consecutive free throws in the final 21 seconds to help secure the victory in the battle between the two Michigan Community College Athletic Association, Eastern Conference rivals.

Against the visiting Hawks on Saturday, Christian posted team highs in points (22), assists (6) and steals (4). He also grabbed 4 rebounds.

But there were plenty of acco-

lades to go around. Freshman forward Jerry Follot (Northwestern, MD) tallied 18 points on the night, along with pulling down a team-high 10 rebounds and blocking a team-best 4 shots. Freshman forward Leroy Allen (Henry Ford Academy) added 14 points, 4 rebounds and 3 assists, while sophomore forward-center Josh Burmester (Roscommon) came off the bench to chip in a season-high 10 points, 4 rebounds and 1 blocked shot.

Other contributors for Kirtland included sophomore guard Matt Tompkins (Fairview) with 4 points, 6 rebounds and 5 assists, and freshman guard Mark Schafer (St. Ignace) with 2 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals and 2 assists.

Kirtland continues to roll, beating host Alpena Community College, 70-62, on Wednesday, Jan. 17. The Firebirds led the

host Lumberjacks, 31-28, at half-time.

"We were ahead almost the whole game," said Firebirds head coach Glen Donahue, who now has more than 100 wins in his six-plus years at Kirtland.

Christian had another stellar outing with 19 points, 10 rebounds and 8 assists. Other double-digit scorers for Kirtland included Follot with 16 points, 11 rebounds and 3 assists, and Allen with 10 points and 8 boards.

The Firebirds got 9 points and 6 assists each from the backcourt duo of Tompkins and Schafer. Tompkins also tallied 3 steals on the night, while Schafer had a pair of thefts. Burmester added to the winning cause with 7 points.

For more information on Kirtland Community College athletic programs, call 989-275-5000, extension 385, or visit online at firebirds.kirtland.edu.

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Sunday, February 4th
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(x/c ski race): 9 a.m. - register online
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Sunday Swix Wax Clinic: TBD
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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jane A. Marshall, A Single Woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 23, 2004, and recorded on December 28, 2004 in Liber 673 on Page 49, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Indymac Bank F.S.B. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Nine And 32/100 Dollars (\$209,579.32), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 7, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South One-Half of Lot 7, Entire Lots 8 and 9 excepting the South 30 Feet of Lot 9, Moon River Heights Subdivision. Together with an undivided Interest in Beaver Dam Park and Beaver Lane.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 1, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #119705F03

-1-8-15-22

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy T. Thomas and Stacey M. Thomas, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2005, and recorded on May 5, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 302, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Benefit of the Certificateholders, Park Place Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WCW2 as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand One Hundred Eighteen And 32/100 Dollars (\$100,118.32), including interest at 7.85% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 14, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: January 11, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #079283F02

-11-18-25-1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Peter Reuter, a married man and Carol Reuter, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 16, 2004, and recorded on December 30, 2004 in Liber 673 on Page 132, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy And 42/100 Dollars (\$106,670.42), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 3/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 and the East 1/2 of the South 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 25, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, except the Southerly and Southerly 33 feet thereof for road purposes.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: January 18, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #123672F01

-18-25-1-8

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeani Stepke, An Unmarried Woman and Larry M. Ebersole, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 15, 2005, and recorded on November 28, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 684, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One And 79/100 Dollars (\$122,881.79), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 7, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of the West half of Section 11, Township 28 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Described as follows: Commencing at the South quarter corner of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds East along the North-South quarter line of said Section 11 a distance of 1327.05 feet to a concrete monument found at the eighth corner of said Section 11; thence continuing along said North-South quarter line North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 1529.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 1104.91 feet to the point of begining of this description; thence continuing South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 466.01 feet to an intermediate traverse line along Kolk Creek; thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 32 seconds West along said traverse line 199.61 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 19 seconds East 470.09 feet; thence North 00 degrees 27 minutes 33 seconds West 199.74 feet to the point of beginning, Crawford County Records. The North and

South Lot lines extend Westerly to Kolk Creek. Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide driveway and utility easement for ingress and egress from Twin Peaks Road being 33.0 feet each side of the following described centerline: Commencing at the South quarter corner of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds East along the North-South quarter line of said Section 11 a distance of 1327.05 feet to concrete monument found at the eighth corner of said Section 11; thence continuing along said North-South quarter line North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 1529.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 660.87 feet to the point of beginning of this centerline description; thence South 04 degrees 24 minutes 39 seconds West 103.69 feet; thence South 01 degrees 54 minutes 34 seconds West 329.63 feet; thence South 05 degrees 34 minutes 34 seconds West 354.39 feet to the centerline of Twin Peaks Road and the point of ending of this centerline description. Also together with and subject to a 30 foot wide driveway and utility easement for ingress and egress from a private drive being 15.0 feet each side of the following described centerline: Commencing at the South quarter corner of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds East along the North-South quarter line of said Section 11 a distance of 1327.05 feet to a concrete monument found at the eighth corner of said Section 11; thence continuing along said North-South quarter line North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 1529.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 660.87 feet; thence South 04 degrees 24 minutes 39 seconds West 103.69 feet thence South 01 degrees 54 minutes 34 seconds West 81.52 feet to the point of beginning of this centerline description; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 19 seconds West 431.87 feet to the point of ending of this centerline description, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 1, 2007
For more information, please call:
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File #119832F01

-1-8-15-22

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Clara Silk, a single woman, to Aggressive Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 30, 1998 and recorded April 6, 1998 in Liber 450, Page 490, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by EMC Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Two and 67/100 Dollars (\$19,632.67) including interest at 11.9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 21, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 297 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 36, Town 25 North, Range 2 West; running thence East 80 rods; thence South 132 feet; thence West 80 rods; thence North 132 feet to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 18, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 199.3572

-18-25-1-8

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

FILE NO. 06- 7020 CH
KELLY FOY and MICHAEL FOY
Plaintiffs
VS
JAY RICHARD HAWKINS and
MICHELLE DANA HAWKINS
Defendant

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
By: Richard J. Jaskowski (P47123)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
P.O. Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-5232

NOTICE OF LAND CONTRACT FORECLOSURE BY SALE

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 7th day of December, 2006, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit: 116 Evergreen Drive, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Property tax number 040-45-780-00-076-00 and otherwise known as Lots 76, 77, 78 Riverside and consists of a residential lot with residential dwelling, including an attached garage.

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
By: Richard J. Jaskowski (P47123)

-1-8-15-22-1-8

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY

TO: KIMBERLY METTLEN, AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN THE STATED MATTER:

Whose whereabouts are unknown, and upon whom person service of Summons cannot be had, Defendant in said proceedings.

You are hereby notified that J.G. Wentworth S.S.C., Limited Partnership, as Plaintiff, has filed garnishments in the District Court in and for Polk County, Iowa, Case No. CL 95370, the purpose of which is to garnish funds owing to the Defendant from AmerUs Life Insurance Co., 611 Fifth Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309.

You are hereby notified that all persons having or claiming any interest in the action described in the caption or in this case or objecting to these garnishments shall file a Motion, Answer, other pleading to contest the garnishments with the District Court in and for Polk County, Iowa, 500 Milberry Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

The Section 642.14 of the Iowa Code requests that you be told the exact language of Section 630.3A of the Iowa Code. That section reads:

At any time after the rendition of Judgement the Court, upon application of the Judgement Creditor or the Judgement Debtor and upon notice to the adverse party as the Court shall direct, shall conduct a hearing to determine the reasonably expected annual earning of the Judgement Debtor for the current calendar year and the applicable limitation upon garnishment as provided in Section 642.21. The Court shall also consider in the interest of justice whether a greater amount than provided in section 642.21 shall be exempt from garnishment. In making this determination, the Court shall consider the age, number and circumstances of the dependents of the Debtor, existing federal poverty guidelines, the Debtor's maintenance and support needs, and the Debtor's other financial obligations, and any other relevant information. An order reducing the garnishment may be modified or vacated upon the application of a party to the Court, notice to the adverse party, and a showing at the hearing of changed circumstance. An additional filing fee shall not be assessed for proceedings under this section.

YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT A LAWYER FOR ADVISE AS TO THE MEANING OF THIS NOTICE.

J.G. WENTWORTH S.S.C. LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, Plaintiff

By: Margaret A. McDevitt, #AT0005082
BRUMBAUGH & QUANDAH, P.C.,
L.L.O.
4885 South 118th Street, Suite 100
Omaha, NE 68137
(402) 554-4400
ITS ATTORNEYS

-18-25-1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Yvonne Kiernan, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 27, 2005,

and recorded on October 6, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 820, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Six And 14/100 Dollars (\$103,586.14), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 224, Northern Heights, Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 2, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 18, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
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30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
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File #123619F01

-18-25-1-8

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark A. Binert and Andrea G. Binert, husband and wife, to CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by reason of merger with CitiFinancial Mortgage Company Inc. f/k/a Associates Home Equity Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 9, 2000 and recorded December 6, 2000 in Liber 524, Page 359, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twelve and 9/100 Dollars (\$72,512.09) including interest at 12.41% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 21, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot Number 39, Riverside Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 61 and 62, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 18, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
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(248) 457-1000 File No. 201.3614

-18-25-1-8

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Corey Rock, a single man and Kristen Gilmore, an adult woman, original mortgagor(s), to First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee, dated April 10, 2003, and recorded on April 17, 2003 in Liber 629 on Page 230, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Three And 32/100 Dollars (\$54,803.32), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the

Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 5, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: January 18, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
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File #123115F01

-18-25-1-8

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Aaron S. Blaine and Joann D. Blaine, husband and wife, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 17, 2003 and recorded August 21, 2003 in Liber 648, Page 584, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wachovia Bank, N.A. as trustee for CHASE 2003-5 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Four and 79/100 Dollars (\$84,364.79) including interest at 10.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 21, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

West 200 feet of South one-half of South one-half of Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of, Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 18, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 209.4050

-18-25-1-8

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ann M. Patterson, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 16, 2005 and recorded December 22, 2005 in Liber 679/Page 138, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-One and 05/100 Dollars (\$62,261.05) including interest at 9.85% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 21, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 7 and 8, Harting Pines Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 45, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 18, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
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-18-25-1-8

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
February 2, 1984

In a tense special meeting before television cameras, the county board of commissioners admitted they made a mistake concerning insulating the courthouse and turned over the responsibility to the county building authority. The county board, in the afternoon session of their Jan. 26 regular meeting, has voted 6-1 to accept a proposal from AuSable Construction to add insulation to the courthouse for \$16,939. The commissioners later found out that they did not have the authority to insulate the building. Under a building lease contract, any permanent alterations to the building must be approved by the building authority comprised of Fred Schaibly, Joe Wakeley, and Don Bancroft.

Shawn Lovely, 17 year old senior at Grayling High School, was named Miss Grayling 1984 before a filled Joseph Stripe Auditorium Saturday night. Lovely, the daughter of Roy and Barbara Lovely, of Grayling, will reign over the 59th Annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival. Michelle Leal, 17 year old senior at GHS, was named first runner-up. Michelle Murial, an 18 year old senior at GHS, was named second runner-up out of 10 girls entered. Kris Larson, a 17 year old senior, at GHS was named Miss Congeniality.

Sunny skies and warm temperatures can be expected for the 59th Annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival parade, with TV 9&10 weather forecaster Bill Spencer as the Grand Marshall.

It was clue number 7, "Before you get to the wide round red eight, you'd better turn left and then you should skate. In your rear view mirror you'll be looking west, now is the time to be put to the test. In just sixty minutes you will be too far, back up the legal speed limit, I'll know where you are. Then north again and before you plop, you must bring your car to a sudden stop," that led Donna Levitt, of Frederic, to Keystone Landing where the \$100 Grayling Winter Sports Carnival medallion was hidden.

The General Motors Technical Center, of Warren, has selected unused portions of the taxiways at the Grayling McNamara Airport as the site for testing experimental design concepts.

Mrs. McEver's class had a poster contest. The posters were about "Walk Facing Traffic" and "Buckle Your Safety Belt." They were judged by Mrs. Bovee's class and the winners were: Laura Hamilton, Mike Spencer, Brian Calkins, Susan Huss, David Tolbert and Jennifer Perritt.

46 Years Ago
February 2, 1961

Linda Smock has been named the 1961 Betty Crocker

Homemaker of Tomorrow at Grayling High School.

The number of contestants reached a total of 21 early this week in the Miss Michigan Winter Sports Queen race which will be part of the 36th annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival.

John H. French, Jr., President City National Bank of Detroit, will crown "Miss Michigan Winter Queen" on her ice throne at the Grayling Winter Sports Park, Sunday, Feb. 12.

The Basil Hubbels and Miss Sally Nelson attended a Penguin Square Dance on the ice of Budd Lake near Harrison. Square dancers from several communities enjoyed doing both round and square dances for three hours in near zero temperatures. A large bonfire and hot coffee were the main attractions.

Allen Carr reports that the AuSable River in the back of his home, or the second bend of the river below the dam at US-27 bridge, has been frozen solid from shore to shore for thirty feet. This is the first time he remembers seeing it frozen there, and he has lived here all his life.

69 Years Ago
February 3, 1938

Miss Naomi Wheeler, 17, pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Wheeler, was chosen for queen of Grayling's 13th annual winter carnival. Miss Laura Johnson, niece of Mrs. Emil Giegling, was the runner-up.

The home of Earl Wood in Beaver Creek is under quarantine,

their little son Ronald having contracted scarlet fever.

Peter Rasmussen celebrated his 91st birthday and his son Einer of Marlette came to enjoy the occasion. Mr. Rasmussen still makes his daily trips to town as usual.

The city fathers are building a skating rink for the pleasure of the public on the city's property known as Wells field. A rink has also been built in the school yard and soon will be ready for use.

Eunice Schreiber, Grayling senior student and Grace Woodburn, junior student at Central State Teachers College in Mt. Pleasant, have been included in the college's scholastic honor roll.

92 Years Ago
February 4, 1915

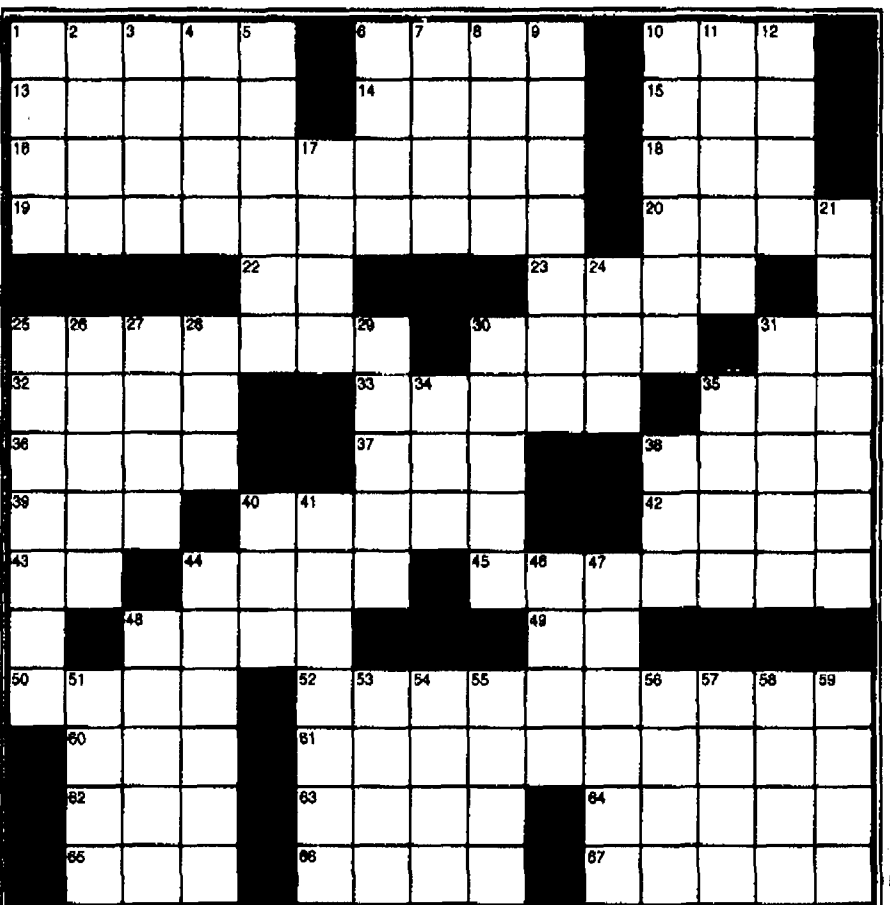
The storms of Monday and Tuesday nearly put Wellington mail out of business for Tuesday delivery. However, George Belmore came to the rescue and carried the mail by traveling on snowshoes.

The Misses Ange Van Patten and Iole Milnes attended a dancing party at Roscommon last Friday evening.

T.E. Douglas attended the State Meet and Sportsman Show at Lansing this week.

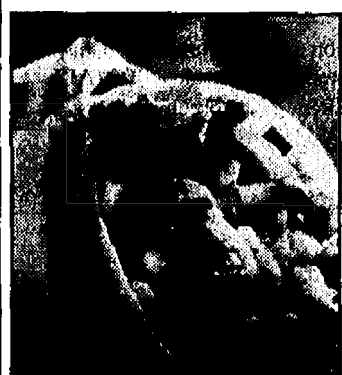
Among the interesting winter sports taking place here are the ski races by some of our Finlander citizens, on the south side.

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Mercantile establishments for the retail sale of goods.
 6. Pretentious or silly talk.
 10. Acronym for Shimizu Philharmonic Orchestra.
 13. Suggestive of the supernatural.
 14. Preposition meaning relatively higher and touching.
 15. 4-wheeled motor vehicle with an internal combustion engine.
 16. Associated with the priesthood.
 18. Acronym for Repeat Previous Transaction.
 19. Not capable of being moved.
 20. Direction of the rising sun.
 22. Abbreviation for Ante Meridiem.
 23. Plank of softwood fir.
 25. Outer tissue of bark.
 30. James Garner film.
 31. Light, strong, brittle gray toxic bivalent metallic element.
 32. Socially incorrect in behavior.
 33. Do as told.
 35. Nicholas ... actor.
 36. Pass by.
 37. Unit of area equal to 100 square meters.
 38. Using customarily.
 39. Slab on which wet clay is left to lose sufficient moisture to make it plastic.
 40. Chief spirit of evil.
 42. Acronym for American Organization of Nurse Executives.
 43. Indefinite article used before a vowel sound.
 44. Liquefiable substances not miscible with water.
 45. Run away.
 46. Put down by force.
 49. Conjunction.
 50. Not fake.
 52. Composed of one legislative body.
 60. Make smooth through the application of a lubricant.
 61. Use modules.
 62. Acronym for Olympic Delivery Authority.
 63. At any time.
 64. Collection of Arabic poems.
 65. Small elite group.
 66. Proper noun by which people or places are known.
 67. Over against.
- Down
1. Street name for marijuana.
 2. Preliminary race in which the winner advances to a more important race.
 3. Richard Harris film.
 4. Water ouzel.
 5. Multipart film that usually screened a chapter each week at a cinema.
 6. Favor sought.
 7. Acronym for Ontario Northland Railway.
 8. Topology of a network whose components are connected to a hub.
 9. Secular festival.
 10. Make a high-pitched, screeching noise.
 11. Pertaining to the pope.
 12. Crumbs.
 17. Closed geometrical surface obtained by sectioning off a portion of a sphere with an intersecting plane.
 21. Region in which active military operations are in progress.
 24. Village in the Dutch province of Flevoland.
 25. Establish the legal validity of wills.
 26. Living or extinct member of the family Hominidae.
 27. Cut and assemble the components of.
 28. Actively causes something to happen.
 29. Deep trenches dug around a castle to prevent access from the surrounding land.
 30. Time of life between the ages of 12 and 20.
 31. Source of sesame seed.
 34. Undergarment worn by women.
 35. Basic pattern of the human fingerprint.
 38. Waging of armed conflict.
 40. British title used before the name of a knight.
 41. White of an egg.
 44. Fugitive from the law.
 46. Fossil fuel consisting of carbonized vegetable matter.
 47. Large fleet.
 48. Censure severely.
 51. Silly person.
 53. Star that ejects some of its material in the form of a cloud and becomes more luminous in the process.
 54. Same as previously given.
 55. Restore to health.
 56. ... Norfolk, artist.
 57. Torn violently.
 58. Islamic country call to prayer proclaimed five times a day by the muezzin.
 59. First Album by Dallas Crane.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



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| 1/4 | cup cooking oil | 2 | Tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro |
| 2 | Tbsp. lime juice | 4 | large skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2 inch strips |
| 2 | cloves garlic, minced | 6 | whole-wheat tortilla wraps |
| 1/2 | tsp. ground cumin | 6 | small tomatoes, chopped |
| 2 | tsp. ground fennel | 4 | green onions, chopped |
| 1 | Tbsp. grated lime zest | 1/2 | cucumber, diced |
| 2 | tsp. chopped fresh mint | | sour cream |

In a large bowl, combine oil, lime juice, garlic, cumin, fennel, lime zest, mint and cilantro. Add chicken to bowl and toss to coat with mixture. Let stand 15 minutes. In large, nonstick frying pan, cook the chicken mixture over medium-high heat for 6 to 8 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and the juices run clear. Place chicken on wraps. Add tomato, green onion, cucumber and a dollop of sour cream. Fold and serve immediately.

Zesty Chicken Wrap

Makes 6 servings

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Precip. Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1/24	26	9	0.01						
1/25	20	7	0.01						
1/26	9	-5	0	High 26	High 22	High 8	High 9	High 15	High 17
1/27	25	8	0.16	Low 16	Low 5	Low 1	Low 0	Low 7	Low 11
1/28	29	8	0.11						
1/29	15	8	0.01						
1/30	22	1	0.01	Snow Shower	Few Snow Showers	Snow	Snow Shower	Snow Shower	Cloudy

HOROSCOPES

For the week of February 1, 2007

CAPRICORN
December 22-January 19

Your home is best with delight as family members return home. Mark the occasion with a feast fit for a king. A grand gesture of long ago is finally repaid.

ARIES
March 21-April 19

The door of opportunity sometimes knocks only once. Don't miss it, Aries. Pay attention and act quickly. A larger-than-life friend gives the weekend an added punch.

CANCER
June 22-July 22

Progress on a project at home comes to a screeching halt, as family tensions rise. It's up to you, Cancer, to play peacemaker and get everything back on track.

LIBRA
September 23-October 22

A stroke of genius puts you in high regards. Enjoy your moment in the spotlight. A long-lost letter points you in a new direction—proceed with caution.

AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18

Mischief seems to follow you wherever you go, Aquarius, and you begin to run out of patience. Step back, take a deep breath and prepare to turn the tables.

TAURUS
April 20-May 20

The clutter in your home is out of control and ends up costing you. Make amends and learn to purge. You don't want this to happen again.

LEO
July 23-August 22

The lure of the limelight beckons and motivates you to work harder than ever. Keep reaching for the stars, and you will get there eventually.

SCORPIO
October 23-November 21

Riches of all kinds trickle your way, Scorpio, and you decide to make the most of them. Start by looking close to home at someone in need.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21

Your actions are marred by indecision, which someone authority well knows. To get where you need to be, you will have to correct this bad habit and do it soon.

PISCES
January 19-February 20

A master plan comes to fruition. Celebrate with a night on the town. A phone call alerts you to a potential problem at work. Don't worry. It can be resolved fairly easily.

GEMINI
May 21-June 21

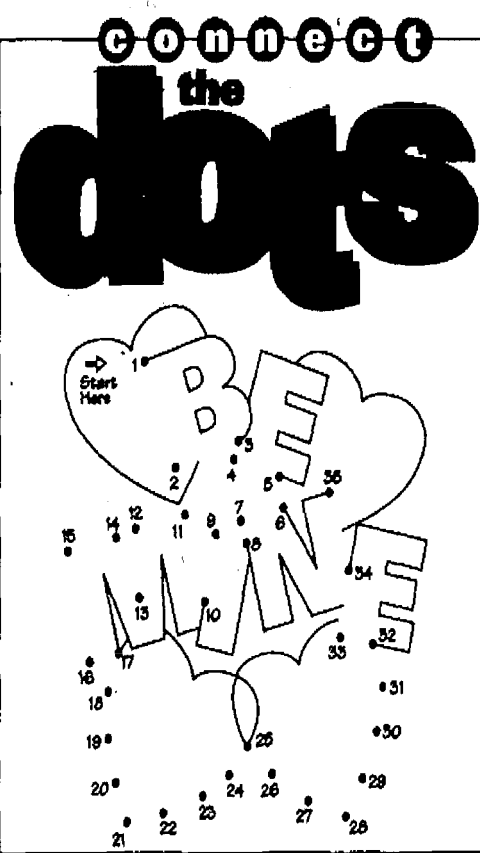
Luck is on your side, as a financial blunder turns out better than expected. Be grateful, Gemini, and make a vow that it won't happen again.

VRGO
August 23-September 22

The message is loud and clear. You need to take a break, Virgo, and you need to do it now. Grab a pal and head out this weekend for some much-needed R&R.

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Barrier-Free home, handicap accessible on 5 wooded acres. Nice floor plan, has very large living room w/brick fireplace, spacious dining room and big bath. First floor laundry and partially finished basement. 26 x 30 garage & a carport. \$128,500 #5808

Enjoy public access at Lake Margrethe from this 2 bedroom one bath log cabin located 2 blocks from the lake. Home features knotty pine interior, vaulted ceilings, ceramic tile and hardwood floors. Finished basement. \$112,500 #5743

REDUCED
 Great upnorth get away. Located just steps from Lake Margrethe. Home features 2 bedrooms and one bath with enclosed porch. Knotty pine interior with many recent updates to include natural gas service, heating, hot water tank and roof. \$99,500 #5742

REDUCED
 Very nice and clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath home only 6 years old in the city of Grayling. Close to everything you need for comfortable city living. Fenced in back yard and a nice concrete driveway. #5770 \$65,000

This home is on 2.5 acres and has been recently remodeled with very little work being needed. The entire kitchen is like new with built in oven and cook top. The seller has priced the home below mortgage amount and must sell. \$73,000 #5781

COMMERCIAL
 Well maintained home in the city of Grayling across the street from the Catholic Church. Close to everything. Ideal for the growing family, short commute to drop the kids off to school. Four bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. \$75,900 #5768

Ausable River front home on 10 acres. Large spacious ranch lends great views of the river and wild life. 25 x 27 master suite has jacuzzi and fireplace. Open kitchen/living area w/fireplace. Gazebo, 2 car garage w/30 x 24 office/workshop and 2nd floor. \$319,000 #5693

Built in 1890, remodeled 1990's to present Victorian style. Totally open floor plan on both levels. Outside needs some TLC. perfect business location in high traffic area, currently used as a photo framing studio. \$130,000 #5784

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NEW LISTING
 RECREATIONAL ENTHUSIAST. Knotty Pine tongue and grove on walls and ceiling with some drywall. Weathered windows with Low E. Home and Garage Security Alarm system. Detached 26 x 30 finished heated garage with 3 garage doors for easy in and out for snowmobiles. Home is completely furnished except china curio cabinet and personal items. Snowmobile out your door to state land and Blue Bear Trails. Secluded setting on 10 +/- acres adjoining State Land to the East. CS-2456 \$165,000

BACK ON MARKET
 TWO STORY HOME LOCATED ON THREE ACRES OFF A COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD. 2,250 s.f., 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Master bedroom suite with full bath and 5 x 24 balcony. hardwood flooring, brick fireplace, fisher wood-stove, and two garages. CH-2411 \$64,900

NEW LISTING
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REDUCED
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 Building site in wooded area. Rolling hills and wonderful view. #14887 \$120,000

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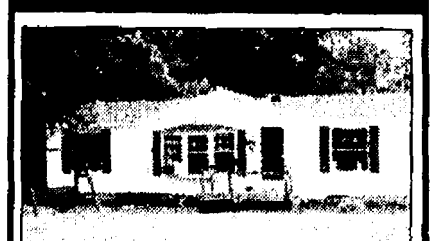
3 BEDROOM 2 bath, 8.77 acres, central air, wood burner, 2 / 30 x 40 pole barns, mechanics back garage heated with high ceiling, close to snowmobile trails, Grayling Township. \$129,900. 248-388-8106 or 810-794-7774. (-25-1/1)

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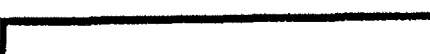
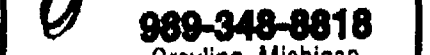
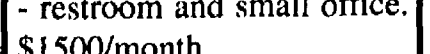
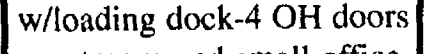
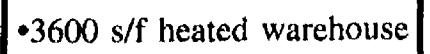
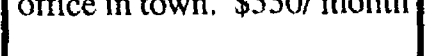
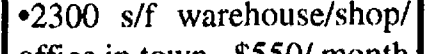
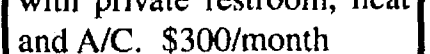
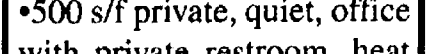
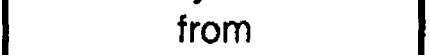
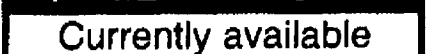
MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06/f/2)

1. Real Estate**REDUCED**

It's all here, located just outside of town in a nice subdivision. On a county maintained road is this 3 bedroom home with a 28x32 separate garage. A corner lot with a large deck that also includes an additional storage shed. \$83,000 #5748



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**2. For Rent**

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1. For Rent

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3. Employment

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5. For Sale

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6. Wanted

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

FAMILY, GRIEF or general counseling. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (7/13/06tf/8)

1st TIME HOME BUYERS SEMINAR offered by North Michigan Financial Services in Grayling on Tue., Feb. 6, at 6:30 pm. Discussion to include loan application process, programs to fit your needs, credit reports and scoring. Refreshments and special drawings. No charge or obligation for attending. Register now by calling (989) 348-2021 or stop in at 2375 S. I-75 Bus. Loop (next to Save A Lot). North Michigan Financial Services, Inc. works only with equal opportunity lenders. (LR2/01/06/8)

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8. Announcements

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